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The "Courier Express," a daily Buffalo, New York newspaper, reported on 5/6/69 that HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, an organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), will be the principal speaker at a meeting for "black committed candidates" at 9:00 PM on 5/16/69 at the Dellwood Ballroom, Main and Utica Streets, Buffalo, New York. This meeting is to serve as a reception for several local candidates for elections for the position of City Councilman and County Legislator in the fall of 1969 and is sponsored by the Citizens Committee for Black Committed Candidates.

On 5/8/69, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been approached within the past several days by representatives of the above organization to buy tickets to support the meeting scheduled for 5/16/69. [redacted] noted in the announcement of the event that the cost for tickets is $8.00 per person or $15.00 per couple. b7D

Buffalo will follow the appearance of subject WILLIAMS in Buffalo and report pertinent data.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 4/25/69, captioned MURKIN, and Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 4/29/69, captioned as above.

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On 5/8/69, [redacted] b7D

[redacted] Atlanta, when contacted by the Atlanta Office in connection with another matter, advised she did not know the present whereabouts of JAMES BEVEL.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115

DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY FIFTEEN - SIXTEEN, SIXTYNINE; RACIAL MATTERS.

REMYTEL EARLIER THIS MORNING.

DEMONSTRATORS MAINTAINED ALL NIGHT VIGIL AT JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP OFFICE. FOOD STAMP OFFICE WAS DUE TO BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT EIGHT AM TODAY BUT DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKED ENTRANCE THERETO. AFTER WARNING TO DISPERSE, TWENTYFIVE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED BY BIRMINGHAM POLICE BEGINNING AT NINE ZERO EIGHT AM TODAY, ON CHARGE OF VIOLATING CITY FIRE CODE - OBSTRUCTING ENTRY TO PUBLIC BUILDING, AND TAKEN TO CITY JAIL. DEMONSTRATORS WHO DID NOT BLOCK OFFICE AND NOT ARRESTED DISPERSED ABOUT TEN AM TODAY.

IDENTITIES OF ARRESTEES BEING ASCERTAINED. OBSERVED AMONG DEMONSTRATORS BY BUAGENTS WAS ROBERT JOHNSON, SCLC ACTIVIST, BELIEVED OF GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS ARRESTED ON NIGHT OF MAY THIRTEEN

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SIXTYNINE, FOR ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER. NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME

IF HE WAS AMONG THOSE ARRESTED THIS MORNING.

ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND ARMY INTELLIGENCE AWARE

OF DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE. LHM FOLLOWS. AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA

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cc- MR. TRAINOR
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
MAY 7 - 8, 1969
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of FD-376.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, and the U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham. Copies are also being disseminated to the Atlanta and Mobile Offices for information.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

May 14, 1969

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 7-8, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

7. X Of possible interest to Secret Service.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
May 14, 1969

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 7 - 8, 1969

At approximately 12:15 p.m., May 7, 1969, a total of 22 Negroes left Kelly Ingram Park, downtown Birmingham, and marched through downtown Birmingham area carrying signs attacking poverty, etc. They returned to Kelly Ingram Park without incident and dispersed at approximately 1:30 p.m.

[redacted] b7D furnished the following information on May 8, 1969:

On the night of May 7, 1969, approximately 120 to 125 Negroes marched from about 8:50 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in downtown Birmingham, near the A. G. Gaston Motel. There were no incidents or violence during the march.

The "Birmingham Post Herald", a daily newspaper for May 8, 1969, printed a story indicating approximately 175 Negroes staged a one and a half hour "freedom march" through downtown Birmingham on the night of May 7, 1969. This newspaper said one of the marchers spoke out against the donation given by A. G. Gaston, wealthy Birmingham businessman, to the fund for the family of a recently slain Birmingham Police Officer Azell Harris. This article said the group was closely guarded by police and at one point they assembled at the Gaston Motel which is owned by A. G.

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Gaston. One of the marchers with a bullhorn told the crowd "do not lose our heads, we cannot afford to lose our heads and get mad".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-10982) (C)

SUBJECT: SCLC ACTIVITY,
CHARLESTON, S.C.
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Encl 1 Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, dated 5/10/69, and Jackson teletype to Bureau, dated 5/10/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM re captioned matter. One copy of LHM is being furnished to USA, Oxford, Miss., USA, Jackson, Miss., Secret Service, Jackson, Miss., and OSI, Jackson, Miss. Two copies of LHM is being furnished MIGp, Jackson, Miss. Also, an information copy is being furnished Atlanta, Birmingham, Columbia and Memphis Divisions.

Appropriate locate, state and Federal authorities have been advised of all pertinent information obtained in this matter.

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Jackson, Mississippi 39205
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACTIVITY, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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On May 10, 1969, [redacted] b7D
[redacted] Greyhound Bus Company, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that R. B. Cottonreader, Field Representative, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), had chartered a Greyhound Bus to transport individuals from Winona, Mississippi, to Charleston, South Carolina.

[redacted] b7D advised that the travelers were from Marks, Batesville and Winona, Mississippi, with the bus to arrive Birmingham, Alabama, at 10:00 P.M., May 10, 1969, plus a stop at Atlanta, Georgia, to arrive Charleston, South Carolina, 9:00 A.M., May 11, 1969.

On May 10, 1969, [redacted] Batesville, Mississippi, b7D stated that the SCLC chartered bus departed Batesville, Mississippi, en route to Grenada and Winona, Mississippi, to pick up additional persons from Mississippi to travel to Charleston, South Carolina. [redacted] advised that R. B. Cottonreader was the spokesman for the group and in charge of the bus. Born July 14, 1931

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACTIVITY,
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

[redacted] described Cottonreader as Negro male, date of birth July 14, 1931, 5 feet, 11 inches, 141 pounds, slender build, and active in SCLC for approximately three years.

Greyhound Bus, number 1246 [redacted] was located at Winona, Mississippi. [redacted] bus, with 23 adults including seven women and no children, had departed Marks, Mississippi, at 2:45 P.M., May 10, 1969; had departed Batesville, Mississippi, 3:40 P.M.; had departed Grenada, Mississippi, 4:50 P.M. He advised that the group was under the supervision of R. B. Cottonreader [redacted] driving a 1969 Plymouth, four-door, green vinyl over grey, 1969 Mississippi license 22C-4123.

[redacted] stated that the bus would travel from Winona, Mississippi, to Birmingham, Alabama, via Route 78, then to Atlanta, Georgia, via Routes 20, 278 and 78, to arrive Charleston, South Carolina at 9:00 A.M., May 11, 1969. b7D

Prior to the departure of the bus at 6:10 P.M., from Winona, Mississippi, R. B. Cottonreader and bus passengers, Major Wright, James Phipps and Reverend L. C. Coleman, were interviewed and all advised that all 23 persons aboard the bus were personally known to them. They further stated that none of the 23 persons were armed or had an inclination to or propensity for violence.

[redacted] advised that he had seen no weapons, nor had heard any conversations from the passengers which were militant or aggressive.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-2885)(C)

SUBJECT: MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), DAYTON, OHIO, 5/10/69 RM

Re CI tels, 5/6,8 and 10/69, and CI airtel, 5/12/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned as above. One copy each of LHM being disseminated locally to OSI, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio; NISO, Columbus, Ohio; 109th MI Group, Columbus, Ohio, and Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio. One information copy being sent to each receiving office.

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Information concerning individuals who are known to have participated in march, will be channeled to individual case files with informant report or were not previously known to this office; individual case files will be opened.

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Cincinnati, Ohio
May 14, 1969

RE: MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), MAY 10, 1969

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The SCLC, Dayton, Ohio, plan to march on May 10, 1969, to protest the low salaries and poor working conditions of Negro kitchen help at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. The marchers plan to form at Riverview Park and proceed to Good Samaritan Hospital, both Dayton, Ohio.

According to source, Ralph David Abernathy, leader of SCLC, tentatively scheduled to lead march depending on his commitments. If Abernathy cannot participate, other SCLC leaders will substitute. Abernathy allegedly scheduled to be in Washington, D. C. May 11, 1969, purpose unknown.

Allegedly, SCLC in near future will start pressuring churches to contribute $500,000,000 to support people in the ghettos.

On May 8, 1969, [redacted] b7D advised SCLC received a parade permit to march in the streets from Riverview Park to Good Samaritan Hospital, both Dayton, Ohio, beginning at 1:00 PM on May 10, 1969. The rally will begin at the park at 10:00 AM, speakers and activities unknown to date. The SCLC organizers expect 2000 people. The march, which will cover a distance of over two miles, will be through predominately white neighborhoods and business areas, which will be crowded with Saturday shoppers.

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RE: MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) MAY 10, 1969

According to [redacted] the police will only handle traffic, and the parade marshals will handle security. b7D

[redacted] stated their office has received information that the parade marshals are militant, and many will be carrying guns. As of this date he has no information that any trouble is being planned.

[redacted] that militant Negroes from Dayton, Springfield, and Central State University, all Ohio, will handle security for the march and act as parade marshals. Many of the militants who will be handling security, have had training in judo and disarming methods, and will be carrying guns.

A meeting is scheduled on the evening of May 8, 1969, between SCLC leaders and marshals to finalize plans.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he determined militant Negroes will attempt to control the march and possibly cause trouble in all-white areas along the route of march. b1

[redacted] they had no information confirming whether Ralph David Abernathy, leader of SCLC, will appear in Dayton for the march.

[redacted] that it is highly unlikely that Ralph David Abernathy will appear in Dayton for the march. Apparently SCLC leaders in Dayton are aware of this, and are no longer making an all out effort to promote the march. Source of belief march will have little support from the Negro community in Dayton, and for all practical purposes, it will be a failure.

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RE: MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MAY 10, 1969

On May 10, 1969, [redacted] supra, advised rally held at Riverside Park between 11:00 AM and 12:00 noon. The march began at 12:00 noon with approximately 60 marchers, including parade marshals and security guards. Upon arrival at Good Samaritan Hospital, marchers picketed for approximately 45 minutes, and then dispersed. [redacted] stated that no incidents occurred, and no one was arrested as a result of the march. b7D

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1:00 PM 5-14-69 URGENT AMB 4P

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-115

DEMONSTRATIONS BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY THIRTEEN, LAST, RACIAL MATTERS. CHANGED. [redacted] OFFICERS OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, POLICE DEPARTMENT; ROBERT JOHNSON AND CHARLES FINCHER - VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS.

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REMYTEL EARLY THIS MORNING. SECOND CAPTION MARKED CHANGED TO INCLUDE NAMES OF TWO OFFICERS INVOLVED, PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB TWO," AND TO CORRECT SPELLING OF LAST NAME OF VICTIM FINCHER PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS FINCHUM.

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MAY 13, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

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OFFICERS OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;
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The Civil Rights Section may desire to note the numerous previous teletypes and letterhead memoranda from Birmingham concerning the continuing SCLC demonstrations in Birmingham since early April, 1969. Including the two arrests of 5-13-69, there have been a total of 47 arrests to date in connection with these demonstrations. It is expected that the demonstrations and arrests will continue indefinitely and unquestionably the officers and demonstrators will give conflicting accounts of any incidents which occur. Under these circumstances, Birmingham does not feel that the complaint of [redacted] b7D deserves a preliminary civil rights investigation. UACB, no such investigation is being undertaken.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
MAY 13, 1969

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OFFICERS OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
POLICE DEPARTMENT;
ROBERT JOHNSON;
CHARLES FINCHER - VICTIMS

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b7D

At about 7:00 p.m., May 13, 1969, a number of known SCLC workers, together with a group of approximately 150 individuals gathered at the Trinity Baptist Church, 328 - 4th Court North, Birmingham, Alabama. The pastor of that church, Reverend J. L. Ware, refused to permit the SCLC leaders use of his church building for a meeting. The SCLC leaders conducted the meeting on the steps of the church building. Observed were Perry Owen Carlisle, better known as "Mobile Fats" of Birmingham, together with known SCLC people:

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About 7:10 p.m., three white persons arrived in a Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, bearing Alabama license 1A-83086. The speaker on the church steps stated that these three white individuals were Vista workers. About 8:00 p.m., after several talks, the group lined up in a column of two's and began to march through the surrounding ghetto area. A head count by [redacted] disclosed there were 156 marchers at this point. About 8:45 p.m., at Graymont Avenue and First Street West, SCLC worker Robert Johnson was arrested for assaulting a police officer, and a second Negro male, name not then available, was arrested for interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty. [redacted] The marchers returned to the point of origin and disbanded about 10:00 p.m. [redacted] b7D

At approximately 10:35 p.m., May 13, 1969, one [redacted] telephoned the Birmingham Office of the FBI stating he had called the Washington Headquarters of the FBI and had been referred to the local office. He stated he is commonly known by his middle name of [redacted] He related the following:

There were about 300 marchers in the above-mentioned demonstration escorted by about twelve motorcycle officers. The purpose of his call was to make a report of "police harassment" in connection

with two arrests made during the demonstration and he desired that the FBI stop harassment of SCLC marchers by Birmingham Police.

[redacted] continued that about 8:45 p.m. the line of marchers, two abreast, were on Graymont Avenue. When the marchers started across 5th Street (note later indication that this was First Street), two motorcycle police officers, one motorcycle bearing number 236 and the other motorcycle bearing number 258, started "running through the lines." These officers ran their motorcycles through the line of marchers twice and then arrested Robert Johnson and Charles Finchum [redacted] The officers claimed the arrestees had tried to pull the officers from their motorcycles. [redacted] stated that it was not true the arrestees had tried to pull the officers from the motorcycles but that this was merely an excuse to arrest the two persons. There were no injuries of any kind to any of the marchers, or, as far as he knew, to any of the police officers. SCLC is attempting to make bond for the two arrested individuals so that they might get out of the Birmingham City Jail.

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The marchers left the Trinity Baptist Church, two abreast, headed west on 4th Court, turning north on Center Street and west on Graymont Avenue, into the west section of Birmingham. When the marchers

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approached First Street, they were on the south side of Graymont Avenue and the escorting motorcycle officers were alongside the marchers and also on Graymont Avenue. Without warning, the marchers turned north on First Street and blocked the escorting officers from continuing west on Graymont.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for Bureau are 2 copies of FD-376.

Copies of this LHM have been disseminated locally to Military Intelligence agencies, USA, Birmingham, and U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham. Copies are also being disseminated to the Atlanta, Mobile, and Jackson Offices for information.

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DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 15-16, 1969

On May 15 and 16, 1969, FBI Agents observed the following:

A mass meeting sponsored by the SCLC was held at St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Birmingham, on the evening of May 15, 1969. About 9:45 p.m., approximately 110 demonstrators left the church in SCLC bus and cars, stopping at the Jefferson County Food Stamp office. After leaving the bus and cars at the Food Stamp Office, demonstrators marched through the downtown streets. They marched by the 16th Street Baptist Church, where Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had spoken earlier, chanting "Whose side are you on, Roy?" They marched back to the Food Stamp Office and lay down around same in a light, drizzling rain, where they remained all night.

About 8 a.m., May 16, 1969, several of the marchers blocked the entrance to the Food Stamp Office, and they were arrested and taken to the Birmingham City Jail.

In the late evening of May 15th, Robert Johnson, SCLC worker, was observed driving a 1964 station wagon, believed to be a Buick Special, following the line of SCLC marchers. This car bore 1969 Alabama tag 1-84781, which is issued to T. K. Nelson, 1656 - 19th Street S. W. The current Birmingham City Directory reflects T. K. Nelson and wife Mamie K. live at 1656 - 19th Street S. W., Birmingham, and he is employed as a miner by the Edward Corporation.

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Re Buffalo letter to Bureau, 5/9/69.

Referenced letter mentioned HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, Organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would be the principal speaker at a meeting for "black committed candidates," on 5/16/69. WILLIAMS failed to attend the meeting. Information contained in the 5/17/69 edition of the Buffalo Evening News, a daily Buffalo, New York newspaper, indicated that WILLIAMS sent a telegram expressing regret he could not make the appearance in Buffalo, and explained that Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY was sending him to Birmingham, Alabama, following numerous arrests in that city.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President
ANDREW J. YOUNG, Exec. Vice President
J. E. LOWERY, Chairman of the Board

May 1969

Dear Friend:

The decent elements of American society were jolted and traumatized in 1968 but they were not defeated. Still organized and aware, still represented by alert forces in Congress, America is not about to succumb to reaction. Black America, more than any other group, remained cohesive, progressive and determined.

The next years will test our essential fortitude and history will be determined by the extent and creativity of our fighting spirit.

We of SCLC know that some confusion and contradictory trends seam the movement for liberation. These are residual weaknesses of the long era of poverty and discrimination that stoke discord and despair. We believe our most valuable contribution is to organize the vast untapped strength of the poor and join it with the mainstream of progress against standpatism and reaction. In some urban centers anti-Semitism has been employed to pit Negroes against Jews. Anti-Semitism is intolerable and immoral. We will fight it, as we always have, as harmful to black people as to Jews - because it fosters the poison of racism generally.

We believe the subject of poverty has been talked to death. We will act on programs to end it. Without Dr. King, but with his inspiration, we organized the Poor People's Campaign in Washington. We focussed national and world attention on the disgrace of discrimination and poverty. We did not gain all that was needed, but millions of school children are eating nutritious lunches, millions of units of housing were authorized by Congress and many lesser reforms were extracted from unwilling hands. We kept the spirit of direct struggle and hope alive for the whole nation.

Today millions of Negroes are unorganized in the most exploitative trades and service operations. Instead of merely crying out against oppressive wrongs we are embarking on a campaign to bring organizational power to the ghettoed poor to enable them to change their conditions. We have made an alliance with the Hospital Workers Union as a beginning thrust and together we are initiating an organizing campaign, starting in Charleston, S. C.

We will continue our Operation Breadbasket program which creates employment and banishes discriminatory practises, particularly in ghetto enterprises. Tens of thousands of jobs have already been opened by us with millions of dollars of payroll in Chicago, Atlanta, New York and other major cities, totally without government funding or domination.

We will be expanding our housing construction programs and cooperatives, to create self-help opportunities North and South.

Finally, we will continue our political action programs to expand black registration and enlarge black representation. Our pioneering work in this area has already, in less than a decade, ended disenfranchisement for millions of Negroes and strengthened many liberal electoral coalitions.

We need the support of all Americans - black and white - who have the perception to appreciate that only by raising people from poverty can we produce equality, harmony and genuine communication. We need the support of those who feel that more action and less abstract and acrimonious discussion is today's program; we need those who feel that the antidote to pessimism and despair is to take the offensive against "a sea of troubles and by opposing, end them".

You have not failed us in the past when our late President, Martin Luther King, Jr. appealed for your contributions. We have lost him but we are confident we have not lost you and it is this faith that impels us to continue on our course of nonviolent, interracial social change. We said the assassination of Martin Luther King was an American tragedy but it could not halt the movement he built with his life. We are determined that they shall not have killed his "dream". We are totally committed to that goal. Please help us make that avowal a creative and constructive reality.

With sincerest good wishes,

Andrew J. Young

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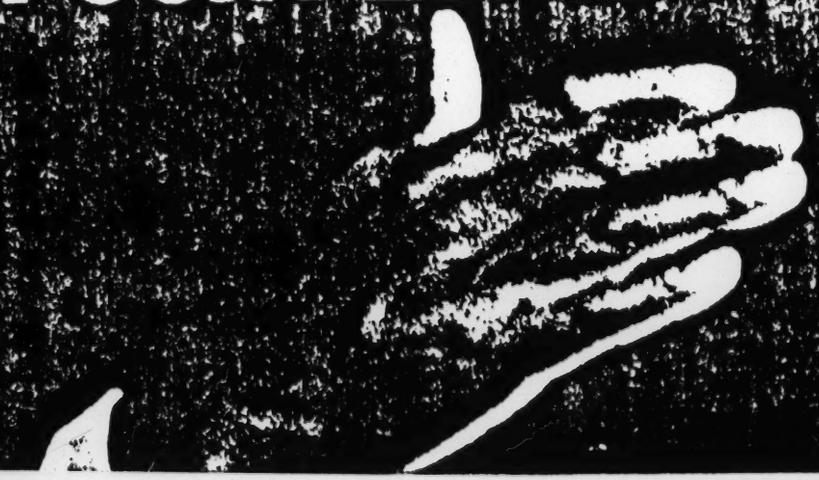

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Honoring Dr. King

AMERICA: PROMISES AND REALITIES

By Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

America is a nation *of* glittering promises and grim realities. Since our founding in 1776, America has promised equality, freedom and peace among men. Yet we are afflicted with the disease of poverty, the cancer of racism, and the sickness of war.

There are many great things about America, and I love this nation, but today I must address myself to our problems because if we fail to find solutions to these problems soon, America will continue on a path of doom.

We have 160 million Americans who enjoy a relatively good material life, but we also have 40 million who are poor. We produce steaks for the rich and diet foods for the overweight, but at least 10 million Americans suffer from starvation and malnutrition while the Government pays farmers not to grow crops, and *sells* food stamps to the poor. Senator Eastland's plantation in Mississippi has been receiving thirteen thousand dollars a month in farm subsidies, and a starving black child in his State receives only nine dollars a month from so-called welfare. It is Mr. Eastland who is really on welfare. I wish we in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference could buy

Next, in 1868, 101 years ago, the Fourteenth Amendment guaranteeing the right of all people to life, liberty and property, was ratified. What was the reality? The reality was, for example, in that same year, forty thousand black people in South Carolina were promised 400,000 acres of farm land. But do you think they ever got it? No! And the reality to this day is that we never did get our rights to life, liberty and property — not even our little 40 acres and a mule.

In 1870 — 99 years ago — the Fifteenth Amendment, guaranteeing the right to vote, was ratified. In 1890 — 79 years ago — Congress passed a bill providing for federal registrars in the South. In 1944 — 25 years ago — the Supreme Court outlawed the white primary election. But what happened to all those promises? The reality is that black people were denied the right to vote and lily-white elections continued in fact, until we in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference put so much pressure on Congress with the Selma-to-Montgomery March that they passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Black people now vote in the South, but not without risking harrassment, abuse and retaliation, because the Voting Rights Act is not adequately enforced. And another glaring gap between promise and reality is that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 expires in 1970. And another gap can be seen in the fact that last summer, in the National Conventions of both major parties, black people and other poor people were systematically denied proportional representation in their state delegations.

When the Kerner Commission began its hearings, Dr. Kenneth Clark, a very distinguished scholar, pointed out some other promises and realities. He recalled similar reports that had been issued with great fanfare and promise, but ignored in reality: reports on the Chicago riot of 1919, the

In future issues we will be printing news for, by, and about black people and other poor people. Our basic purpose is to mobilize all supporters for movements around the issues of poverty, racism and war.

Our new readers might want to know why the name "Soul Force" was chosen for this newspaper when it was first published a year ago. "Soul Force" is an idea that goes back to Jesus Christ. It suggests both the love ("soul") and power ("force") that were combined by Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy when they started the modern civil rights struggle 14 years ago in Montgomery, Alabama. Mahatma Gandhi, a disciple of nonviolence and the liberator of India, often used the term "Soul Force" in talking about his philosophy of both his personal and public life. Finally, the term "soul" has special meaning to all black people and to those who support and work in the movement.

The phrase "To Redeem the Soul of America," which appears on all issues of "Soul Force," is the original slogan of SCLC, adopted after our founding in 1957.

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We may have in America 170 million people who are born free of prejudice against them, but we have at least 30 million non-white people who face racial discrimination every day of their lives, and millions upon millions of white people who themselves are poisoned by racism. In a nation where one out of ten citizens are black, among the jobless, two out of 10 are black, among the lowest paid, five out of 10 are black, among slum dwellers, six out of 10 are black.

Everybody in America is for "law and order," yet Government agencies and giant corporations violate laws while poor people can't even get legal aid.

We may have a system of public education which potentially could work toward the achievement of peace and justice, but we also have a powerful and growing war machine which corrupts even some of our most distinguished universities and sends our young men away to kill and be killed. The Government spends $8,000 a year on each member of the Armed Forces, $2,000 a year on each inmate in prison, and only $600 a year on a student.

The libraries of American history are filled with many great reports on the promises of America. But these reports are gathering dust as America consistently, cruelly, and cynically ignores them.

One report, if I may give it that term, was issued 193 years ago. It said in ringing words that were to shake the world for the next two centuries: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

That document, the Declaration of Independence, held great promise, but the reality even today is that no one can pretend that all men are considered equal in America. Millions of poor people are in fact denied their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Constitution of the United States took effect 180 years ago, on March 4, 1787, and specifically stated an intention to establish justice, welfare and liberty for all. Yet that same Constitution upheld slavery, and condemned my people to a life of injustice, insecurity and bondage.

One hundred and six years ago, in 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The promise was an end to slavery, but what was the reality? The reality was that only the slaves in parts of the South not occupied by Northern troops were set free, as a military strategy to disrupt the Confederacy. But in Missouri, General Fremont was fired because he set the slaves free. And the reality also is that my people have been kept in virtual slavery — the slavery of segregation, discrimination and economic exploitation — ever since, in spite of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery, which was ratified in 1865.

15 years ago, and the reality of de facto segregation in the South and North. We have the promise of a new President saying he wants to "bring us together," but failing to make himself clear on whether he is going to keep our children apart.

We had the promises of many recent analyses of our racial and economic problems — including recommendations from established business leaders, the report of the White House Conference on Civil Rights, President Johnson's vision of a "Great Society," the repeated eloquent calls to action from my predecessor, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and, finally, the Kerner Report.

And again, what are the realities? All of these studies and reports and calls have been turned aside. Instead of a Great Society, we have a nation gone mad in an evil, unwinnable war in Vietnam. Instead of reforms recommended even by moderate business and political leaders, we have the same old subsidies and protections for the rich and oppression of the poor — what I call socialism for the rich and rugged free enterprise for the poor. Instead of investment in life-giving measures for peace and justice, we have investment in death-dealing war, assassination, and daily violence to poor people. Instead of meaningful action on the Kerner Report, one year later we only have another study of the Kerner Report.

I am sick and tired of promises, and I am sick and tired of the realities of war, poverty and racism. The time has come for more action and fewer words. And Ralph Abernathy has his own promise to make.

I urge you to join me, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and many national, regional and local organizations of the rich and poor, young and old, in a new movement to save America. This movement begins on April 4th, one year after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On this day, all over the nation, there are commemorative services, vigils and marches. But it would be a disservice to Dr. King and to poor people if we were to let it go at that. Dr. King stood for action, and I mean to honor him meaningfully by having nationwide action that will continue past April 4. I expect to see boycotts, school walkouts, work stoppages, peace demonstrations, student protests, rent strikes, marches against hunger, and many other forms of direct nonviolent action — action built around local issues and carried out by local people and their leadership. But the poor and oppressed of America, starting April 4th, are not going to let this country forget Dr. King and forget its sins of racism, poverty and war.

I respectfully submit to you that it is your opportunity and even your responsibility to join this movement and work with us until there comes a day that we will not need a Kerner Report with empty promises because we will have a Poor People's Report that freedom, justice, brotherhood and peace are realities.

Honoring Dr. King

National Days Of Commemoration And Confrontation

By Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr.
National Coordinator

National Days of Commemoration and Confrontation, with the theme "From Death to Life," will be held April 4-12. This is a program of creative nonviolent action designed to attack the problems of militarism, racism and poverty. It is based on the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and begins on Good Friday, April 4, one year after his assassination in Memphis.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is compelled to call attention to the glaring problems which are faced by millions of black people in terms of prejudice and discrimination; by the poor in terms of exploitation and colonization; and by the people of the world in terms of militarism and death as opposed to renewal and life.

Dr. King was a symbol of peace and brotherhood, and SCLC under the leadership of Dr. Ralph David Abernathy will mark April 4 as the start of the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, commemorating the life of Dr. King and projecting our "New Thrust." We will demand in confrontations that America end the war in Vietnam, cut back military spending, and provide food, education, jobs, housing and decent incomes for the poor. This is in keeping with honoring Dr. King, for he was a man of action.

These are significant days. April 3 starts the Passover, when the Jewish people recall the great struggles of their people. April 4 is Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion of Jesus. April 6 is Easter Sunday and the occasion for an emphasis on life instead of death. Following Easter there will be Days of Confrontation when the renewed lives of those who remember and resolve to continue will confront their local problems and work for constructive solutions.

We invite all organizations and individuals working for peace, for the abolition of poverty and racism, and for reconciliation and brotherhood, to join SCLC in this program. It includes commemorative services, vigils, marches, other demonstrations and confrontations, Black Easter, National Tag Day, and petitions to make January 15, Dr. King's birthday, a National Legal Holiday.

(For details on Days of Commemoration and Confrontation and the Poor People's Campaign, see articles on this page and pages 4 and 5.)

Martin Luther King Speaks

Each Sunday, the radio program "Martin Luther King Speaks," sponsored by SCLC, is broadcast in many cities. On this program you can hear the voices of Dr. King, Dr. Abernathy, and other leaders speaking on the freedom struggle. The program includes Dr. King's greatest speeches and up-to-date information, interviews and ad-

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Dr. King Holiday

On July 4, 1969, Dr. Abernathy will present to Congress and the President the signatures of millions of people calling for a National Legal Holiday each January 15th, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This would be the first official national observance of a black man's greatness. Petitions should call for the President and Congress to approve legislation establishing the holiday. Please send your petitions or request petition blanks from: Petitions, SCLC, 334 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

BLACK EASTER

By Stoney Cooks

Easter has historically been seen as a season of festival, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, an articulate spokesman of the poor who was the victim of a political assassination nearly two thousand years ago. Days of Easter commemoration have continuously become days of celebration; days of useless spending; days void of spirit fulfillment; and we witness the poor grappling desperately simply to survive.

Jesus showed us the meaning of resurrection by embodying the essence of his life in his disciples who spread the seeds of his teachings across the Roman empire. He professed to draw all men unto him.

Black people are an essential part of the world community of men who must be bound together in his name. Just as other ethnic groups see the Jesus experience through their own development, black people relate to Jesus through their experiences of suffering under America's racism and the pains of injustice heaped upon them.

The Easter rededication should be a particular occasion projected to recommit the soul and the body to the elimination of injustice, racism, war and poverty. It should be upon this occasion that the citizens of the world rededicate their life-works to the cause of the invisible and powerless poor. Easter must begin to remind us of the resurrection; regeneration, procreation... new life.

Black Easter is projected as a new experience of commemoration of a new and rejuvenated soul-filled people. The S.C.L.C. has begun to promote this re-educational process among the poor and black people of their personal experiences of crucifixion and resurrection... the beginning of a revolution in our value structure.

In an attempt to address himself to this essential re-educational process, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Riverside Church in New York City was moved to say in 1967: "These are revolutionary times. All over the globe men are revolting against old systems of exploitation and oppression and out of the womb of a frail world new systems of justice and equality are being born. The shirtless and barefoot people of the land are rising up as never before. The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society."

Black and poor people are resurrecting themselves and their communities by experiencing the dimensions of this Black Easter season. The spiritual dimension can be viewed as our renewed relationships with our brothers and sisters of common alienation and oppression. It can be expressed concretely in the material dimension by the buying of goods and services from each other, by sharing in the welfare and livelihoods of one another. We must spend our money in this commercial period of Easter with black consciousness. Resources in the Black and poor communities must be used for the growth and development of the people who reside there. We must encourage our brothers to have a meaningful Easter by withholding or curtailing expenditures on luxuries and wearing old clothing as symbolic gestures.

Psychologically, this reorientation of values is an essential dimension in the development of a new consciousness and a new imagery which is expressed in an assertive understanding that "I am Somebody," and that "We are Somebody" as a people. Having had a near impossible task of reorienting world priorities thrust upon us, we must move hurriedly through the volumes of disgust in recorded history, re-exhaustible and compassionate heart... evolutionizing the totality of our life-style and commitments... forgiving forward in an invincible creative force... vowing our allegiance to new authority... braving the turbulence of a violence-packed world... thrusting boldly forward with all of the soul of a new man.

Franz Fanon in one of his most creative works, "Wretched of the Earth," writes toward the close of the book, "So, comrades, let us not pay tribute to Europe... by creating states, institutions and societies which draw their inspiration from her. Humanity is waiting for something other from us than such an imitation which would almost be an obscene caricature. If we want to turn Africa into a new Europe, and America into a new Europe, let us leave the destiny of our countries to Europeans. They will know how to do it better than the most gifted among us. But if we want humanity to advance a step further, if we want to bring it up to a different level than that which Europe has shown us, then we must invent and we must make discoveries. For Europe, for ourselves, and for humanity, comrades, we must turn over a new leaf. We must work out new concepts and try to set afoot a new man."

Yes, upon this April of Black Easter, we must move to create and rededicate a new man with new imagery; new consciousness ...psychologically and spiritually; materially and physically. We must be moved in this first commemoration season of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., a nonviolent revolutionary, to accept the challenging and formidable task of changing a world of violence, and molding out of the mud of the valleys of poverty a new order ...a new life.

Action For Dr. King In 50 Cities

All across America, people are showing this nation that she will never be allowed to forget the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and what he worked for.

Millions are participating in the National Days of Commemoration and Confrontation, April 4-12, and the launching of the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy on April 4.

Observances and action are scheduled in more than 50 cities and towns. Some examples of the plans:

•National focus will be in Memphis April 4, Montgomery April 5, and Atlanta April 6 (see details below).

•A vigil against war, poverty and racism will be held at the United Nations in New York starting April 4.

•A State-wide march with four legs totalling 1,238 miles will begin in Asheville, N. C., April 4 and reach the State Capitol in Raleigh April 18 for a rally to demand equal education for black children.

•Many college campuses will have observances, and many schools will be closed April 4.

... welfare rights will pre-

Cincinnati, and Chicago.

•National Tag Day for contributions to the work of Dr. King through SCLC in nation-wide.

NATIONAL FOCUS
Days of Commemoration and Confrontation

Memphis — April 4:
Mass march led by Dr. Abernathy to launch Second Chapter of Poor People's Campaign in city where Dr. King was slain. March begins at noon at Clayborn Temple AME Church, goes to Lorraine Motel for brief memorial service, then to City Hall for rally.

Montgomery — April 4:
March toward Montgomery begins in Selma at 10:00 a.m. Marchers cross Edmund Pettus Bridge with the Poor People's Mule Train, later are bused to Montgomery for 8:00 p.m. Soul Force Brotherhood Freedom Festival. Dr. King began his work in Montgomery.

April 5: Dr. Abernathy leads mass march at noon from St. Jude's in Montgomery to rally at State Capitol.

... Birmingham

Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr.
National Coordinator
April 4-12

Partial List of Participating Cities

Anniston, Ala.
Atlanta, Ga.
Augusta, Ga.
Baltimore, Md.
Beaufort, S. C.
Benton Harbor, Mich.
Birmingham, Ala.
Boston, Mass.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Charleston, S. C.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Chicago, Ill.
Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio
Dallas, Texas
Denver, Colo.
Detroit, Mich.
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Houston, Texas
Jackson, Miss.
Little Rock, Ark.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Macon, Ga.
Marks, Miss.
Memphis, Tenn.
Milwaukee, Wisc.
Montgomery, Ala.
Nashville, Tenn.
Newark, N. J.
New Haven, Conn.
New Orleans, La.
New York, N. Y.
North Carolina
Philadelphia, Pa.
Prattville, Ala.
San Francisco, Calif.
St. Louis, Mo.
Selma, Ala.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Toledo, Ohio
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Tunica, Miss.
Washington, D. C.

People In Motion

CHARLESTON, S. C.
Poor hospital workers have been striking here for their right to bargain for their rights as a union. The union is Local 1199 of New York, well known for its support of the movement, which is now going nation-wide. Dr. Abernathy pledged SCLC's support in a Charleston speech March 31.

SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
The Worth County Improvement League, SCLC Affiliate, secured the release of Miss Dorothy Young, a 14-year-old student who was fraudently jailed, after weeks of mass marches and boycotts. Political and economic action continues.

SWAN QUARTER, N. C.
A school walkout by black students in poverty-striken Hyde County has been going on since last fall. The movement now has State-wide support and is a national issue — destruction of black educational systems in the name of "desegregation" (black schools and teachers were threatened, but no white students were to be transferred to black schools).

STUDENT UNREST
From coast to coast, college and high school students are in rebellion against dehumanizing educational institutions which deny student rights, serve only the establishment (especially the military-industrial complex), and fail to provide modern education. Black student unions are demanding Afro-American Studies. SCLC is planning regional student conferences this spring to offer support to students and ask their participation in summer movements.

SOUTH CAROLINA
... workers in ...

...nizing only poor communities' businesses and services. A special Passion Play is featured in Chicago's Black Easter.

•Public housing tenants in St. Louis are on rent strike.

•SCLC's Operation Breadbasket is fighting for jobs and economic power in many cities, including at present Anniston, Ala., ...

...ons at 7:00 p.m. at the State Capitol.

April 5: Tag Day in Atlanta and most other cities. In Atlanta, workshops will be held on poverty, racism and war.

April 6: Dr. Abernathy leads mass march from Ebenezer Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m., past State Capitol and other institutions to rally in Hurt Park.

"I Want To Be Like My Daddy"

By Miss Yolanda King

Accepting, on behalf of her family, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference 1968 Rosa Parks Award to her father, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you. Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, Dr. Abernathy, Mayor Hatcher, members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, our dear friends. It makes us proud indeed to accept this annual Rosa Parks Award on behalf of our father, who gave his life fighting for freedom, justice and equality for all people.

If he had been here, he would have accepted this award, not for himself, but on behalf of the people who supported him in the civil rights struggle. We want to thank you for this great honor which you have bestowed upon him. It will always serve as a guiding inspiration to us.

Since I was the oldest of the children, I often asked my mother why my father had to be away so often. I was too young then to remember this experience now, but my mother has told me about it. She would explain to me what he was doing. She would say, "Daddy is one of God's helpers. God has to have people to do his work, because he has no hands, no feet, no eyes." I would reply, "Well, when I grow up, I want to be like my Daddy."

So I say to you tonight, for myself, my brothers and my sister, when we grow up, we will truly try to be like Daddy. Again, thank you.

Tag Day

I Gave

sclc 334 Auburn Ave., N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life for freedom, justice and peace. He often said that if anything happened to him, his work in SCLC must continue. You can help this work continue by contributing in your community on National Tag Day. In most cities, this is Saturday, April 5; in others it is April 4 or 6. Each contributor will receive a lapel tag bearing Dr. King's image in black and the words, "I Gave," in red.

Medgar Evers, Jimmy Lee Jackson
Rev. Lee, Viola Liuzzo...
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Sammy Younge...Jonathan Daniels,
Eduardo Mondlane...Albert Luthuli,

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman,
Michael Schwerner,
Malcolm X...
John F. Kennedy, James Reeb...
Lumumba...Bobby Kennedy

My Country, 'Tis of Thee,
Sweet land of...

James Earl Ray, Oswald...Sirhan

--S.C.

Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers received Dr. Abernathy's support March 30 in their strike for bargaining rights. The union is the same one which won similar garbage workers' strikes in Memphis and Atlanta during the past year. The Macon strike was supported by Rev. Fred C. Bennette, Jr., of Operation Breadbasket.

CHICAGO

SCLC's Operation Breadbasket chalked up another big victory last month when a Black Unity coalition of more than 60 organizations won all 18 economic demands from the Red Rooster Super Market chain.

TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI

Despite beatings of children and other brutalities by police, black students at Tunica launched a highly effective school boycott in March in protest against inadequate education. SCLC organizers are there.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

TUFF (Tenants United For Fairness), an organization of public housing tenants, is getting tough with the Housing Authority which harrasses people, charges unfair fees, arbitrarily evicts poor people, and denies tenants' rights. Already the Housing Authority chief has been removed.

BEAUFORT, S. C.

Congress has discovered hunger, thanks both to the Poor People's Campaign and, recently, to a South Carolina movement for free food stamps and welfare rights. So far, the Congressmen have got a lot of publicity and starving people a little food.

MILITARY BASES

GI's over the nation are rising up against dictatorial army life and the War in Vietnam. Many GI leaders are in jail on trumped-up charges and others are threatened and mistreated. But the GI's are taking part in the April 4-12 confrontataking back in the April 4-12 confrontations for Dr. King.

NONVIOLENCE FOR POLICE

Dr. Abernathy is sending law-enforcement officers around the nation a paper on "The Philosophy of Nonviolence and the Tactic of Nonviolent Resistance" and a list of "Ghandi's Rules for the Nonviolent Soldier," in hopes they will have a better understanding of the nonviolent movement.

In Memoriam: Martin Luther King Jr.

By Rev. Andrew J. Young

And in April, the Waste Land reached into the depths of its depravity and spewed forth a conspiracy which claimed the life of a man . . . A MAN . . . THE MAN . . . Martin Luther King Jr. This was not the first time the fruit of American violence had dropped from her decaying branches, nor would it be the last. Already there had been John F. Kennedy. Good Friday can come any day of the year in these United States. Any time a man . . . A MAN . . . seeks to serve his Father and express the realities of the Kingdom of God in the midst of brutalities of this world there is Good Friday.

Why GOOD Friday? What's good about it? A man was murdered, a good man. Murdered not for evil deeds, but because he dared to love and live and serve.

But yes, it is Good Friday, only last year it was a Thursday and the year before a Wednesday and it could have been a Monday . . . whatever day it was, it was marked with tragedy and beauty; death and peace; though his body lay still, his spirit began at once to move across the land, bringing with it first the fire and the judgment, then the truth and wisdom which has been locked in his earthly body.

It was strange. A fire cracker? Dynamite? No, a shot! A single shot and the throat which poured forth so eloquently the truths of our faith and heritage was destroyed . . . torn by a single bullet. He probably never even heard it. He had been standing there on the balcony trying to decide whether he needed a top coat or not. We thought he did, since he was fighting a cold . . . he always caught colds when he was worried about something, and he was worried about America.

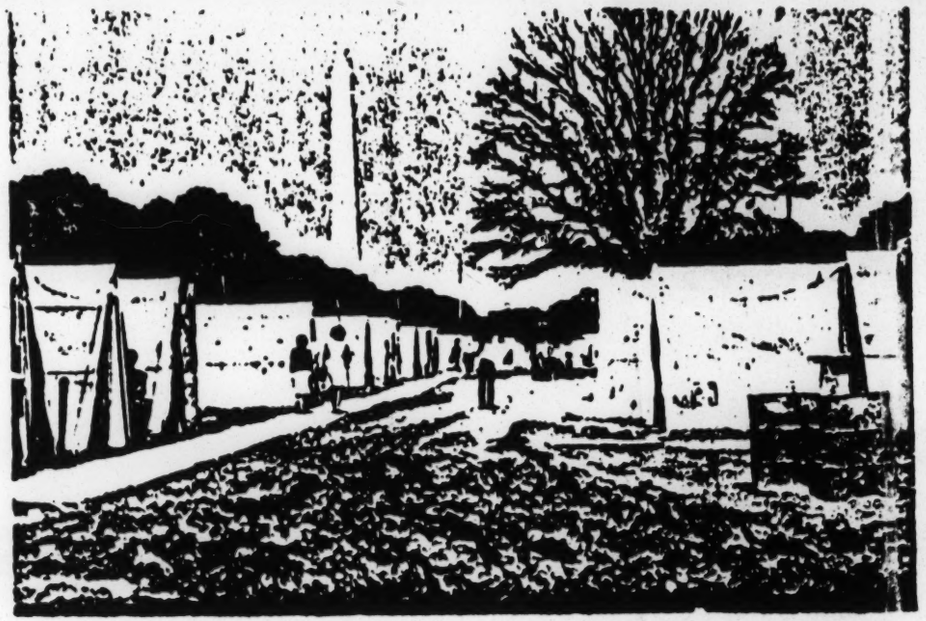
I ran to him. Up the steps of the Motel balcony, but it was all over. Blood poured forth from his neck, but on his face was . . . "the peace that passeth understanding."

He was there in behalf of the sanitation workers who were on strike in Memphis . . . "The least of these my brethren" . . . about whom he preached so often.

That afternoon he had met with the executive staff, following the outbreak of violence in the march in Memphis. It was the first violence in one of our marches since 1962 in Albany when we tried to march through the "black bottom" on a Saturday night among drunks who did not quite understand how to relate to a non-violent movement. Naturally, we had to discuss ways to strengthen and re-affirm our non-violent position. And he talked of death and having conquered the fear of death.

Two things he firmly entrenched in the life of SCLC, the organization to which he gave his life daily: commitment to non-voilence and no fear of death. Fortunately, we were all together. All of those who had worked together since Birmingham to bring so much creative social change to this nation of ours: Ralph Abernathy, Hosea Williams, James Bevel, James Orange, Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Cotton, and [illegible]

Poor People's Campaign 1968 & 1969



The Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign is being launched April 4 by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy. Those who still think the Campaign has ended are in for a surprise.

There were many accomplishments for poor people in the First Chapter of this Campaign last year. But the Campaign must go on, Dr. Abernathy says, because 40 million Americans are still poor and the nation must respond to their demands.

What did the First Chapter achieve?

The most important thing, Dr. Abernathy says, was "to make the invisible visible"—to confront the nation at the seat of power in Washington, D. C., with Resurrection City and thousands of poor folk. America in the past has simply ignored poor people and their communities, so the Poor People's Campaign took them—black and white and red and brown, old and young, weak and strong—by caravan and Mule Train to the poorest counties. Food stamp prices were reduced, and the Government is now issuing free food stamps on a trial basis. A greater variety of food, providing better diets, was made available in the commodity program. The housing act contained new programs of housing to be controlled by the poor. Poor people were invited to advise many Government agencies on their programs. School lunch programs were expanded for poor children. These are some examples of the changes.

But the Campaign is not ended, because America still has not lived up to her responsibilities to poor people. Many demands of a year ago have not been met. Those include a massive job and job-training program, a guaranteed income for those unable to work, national welfare rights and standards, enforcement of civil rights laws, bargaining rights for farm workers, Indian rights both on and off reservations, land

Now it was all over. A young preacher from the pastorate of a small church in Montgomery, cover of Time magazine from the pastorate of a small church in Montgomery, Alabama, within a year; Nobel Prize for Peace at thirty-five; triumphs over racism, North and South — and then he made the mistake of tackling Peace and Poverty, simultaneously. That did it!

Adjustments within the racist structure of American life were permissible, especially since they were in the South and public opinion is still dominated by the North. But poverty is North and South and the American war machine is the stabilizing factor in the Amreican economy and when you challenge the exploitation of the poor by the rich and the right of America to be the policeman of the world you are really "running the money changers out of the Temple." Even the New York Times had to challenge his undertaking such a prophetic ministry.

April is the cruelest month for on April 4, 1967, Martin made his speech against the war in Viet Nam from the Riverside Church where he reminded us that our nation was the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world today." A year later to the day, he lay dead on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

What was his crime? He called America to Life rather than death. He sought to "Redeem the Soul of America" from racism. He tried to "feed the hungry" and create a society where all men might live as "sons of God."

As he preached this gospel of love and life in this land of hate and death it was obvious that he was "casting pearls before swine," and so God called him home, to a land where "the wicked shall cease from troubling and the weary shall be at rest."

He is gone, but he left a legacy of life to face the death of this world; a legacy of love to confront the hatred, a legacy of truth to combat the myths and illusion which surrounds us. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference continues his work. Even before he was laid in his final resting place we had to return to Memphis and win the battle for the rights of garbage workers. And immediately following his burial we launched out on the Poor People's Campaign when he envisioned as dramatizing the plight of the forty million poor black, white, brown and red people of this nation. We were successful in our dramatizing of the problem, but Congress turned a deaf ear to the groans and misery of the poor. The war rages on and new wars promise to emerge from the cauldron of rising expectations of the oppressed people of Asia, Africa and especially Latin America.

The sky is dark and the storm clouds gather. Good Friday is an ominous time. But I remember Good Friday of 1963. We were in Birmingham and there were 2,000 people in jail and there was no bond money. Dr. King agonized over this plight and decided that there was no alternative but to continue on the faith that our cause was just and that somehow, "God would make a way." He joined his people in the Birmingham Jail on Good Friday of 1963.

It was not long before the dark clouds were penetrated by rays of light. The dark gave way to the dawn and the morning sun rose in all its splendor and the suffering of Good Friday gave way to the joy of Easter. The whole nation rose up from the grave of racial discrimination and experienced a resurrection of hope that the legal shackles of segregation had been broken and true Brotherhood might spread across the mountains and plains of this land. We know from firsthand experience that Easter will follow Good Friday, and we continue in his faith that

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
But that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadows,
Keeping watch above his own."

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of hunger. About 10 million Americans are starving or mal-nourished, and the Campaign focused so strongly on this tragedy that a national outcry against hunger followed and forced some changes. Brutality against the poor was exposed by the teargassing of sleeping women and children in Resurrection City. Political manipulation of the poor was exposed when the Mule Train took poor people to both major national party conventions as the delegation from the "51st State of Hunger." Unemployment, disease, inadequate education, welfare hardship, slum housing and many other issues were exposed by dramatic confrontations at federal departments and Congress.

Thirdly, the Poor People's Campaign did win many reforms and changes, large and small. Federal food programs were extended

the local, state and national level.

The Second Chapter of this Campaign is beginning. Dr. Abernathy will announce SCLC's focus in Alabama on poverty issues starting April 7, but SCLC will also be active in the Campaign, along with many other organizations throughout the country.

On April 29, the first anniversary of the presentation of demands by the Poor People's Campaign Committee of 100, a report will be issued, entitled "The Poor People's Campaign — One Year Later." In the spring, SCLC will have regional conferences with students on cooperation between the Campaign and student movements. The summer may bring confrontations throughout the nation, and Dr. Abernathy says, it may be necessary to return to Washington.

INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM GAMES

On May 18, international stars of track and field will compete in the International Freedom Games, a benefit meet in Philadelphia for SCLC and in honor of Dr. King.

SOUL FORCE NEEDS HELP

This newspaper needs volunteer reporters and photographers. Please send news and photographs about your organization, community and movement. We will publish as much information as possible by, for and about black and other poor people.

SCLC: Continuing the work

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This Is SCLC

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was founded in 1957 following the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-56, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy.

Dr. King was President of SCLC until his assassination on April 4, 1968. Dr. Abernathy is his successor.

SCLC began as a regional organization primarily engaged in ending racial segregation in the South. In recent years SCLC has become nationwide with programs against poverty, racism and war.

The organization is committed to direct nonviolent action for social change. People of all races and faiths are welcome to support and participate in SCLC's work.

SCLC is a non-profit organization funded by private contributions, foundation grants and special benefits. Its policy is determined by a Board of Directors and its programs are directed by an Executive Staff.

SCLC is known for its direct-action movements, such as Selma, Birmingham, and the Poor People's Campaign, but also carries on a number of continuing projects.

Poor People's Campaign

The Poor People's Campaign began with Resurrection City in 1968. The Second Chapter of the Campaign opened this year and is a continuation of the national movement against poverty. It is led by SCLC and a coalition representing America's 40 million poor people.

MARKS, MISSISSIPPI

One example of SCLC's work for the poor is in Marks (Quitman County), Mississippi, where extreme poverty and hunger are widespread. SCLC has provided food and medical care in the Marks area and made plans for a health clinic and new housing.

Direct Action

SCLC uses nonviolent action when negotiations and traditional processes fail to produce social change. SCLC staff are trained to teach the power and methods of this action, which can take many forms, including marches, strikes, boycotts, sit-ins and civil disobedience.

Students and Youth

SCLC's new division of Youth and Campus Activities is designed to serve the young people who have always been at the forefront of thestruggle for human rights. This division provides speakers and organizers for student and youth movements on and off the campus.

Operation Breadbasket

Operation Breadbasket is a program for economic development of the black community, seeking control of jobs, businesses, industry and services. Economic power leads to political power and local control of education, employment, housing, police and all other aspects of community life.

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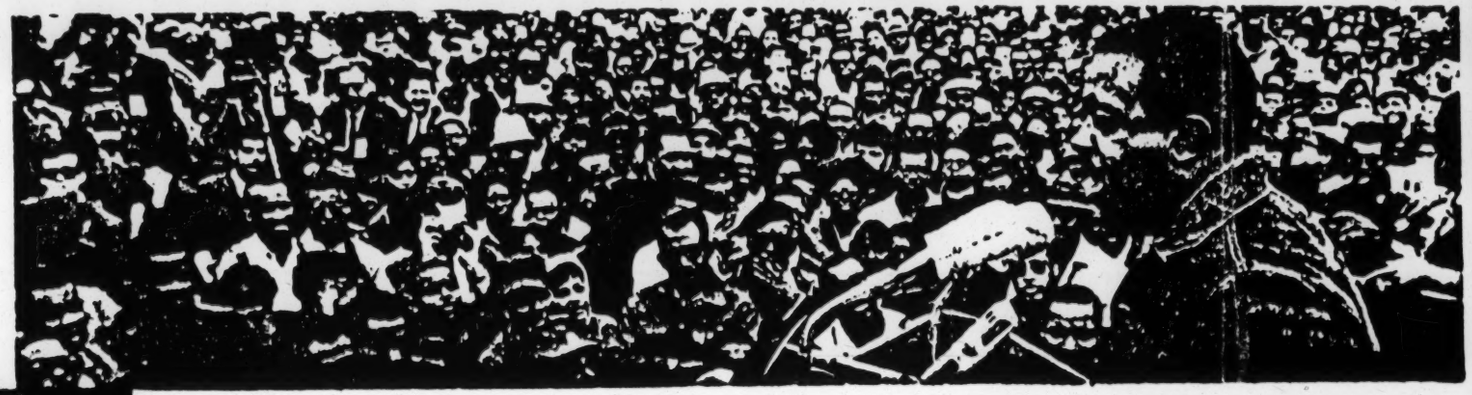

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Housing

In housing projects now planned or already started across the nation, SCLC has found a way to provide decent low-cost housing for poor people and to make certain that the local community controls the planning, design, construction and maintenance.

Affiliates & Chapters

More than 300 local organizations across the nation are Affiliates or Chapters of SCLC. These groups include churches, civil rights organizations, civic clubs, labor unions, and business, social and fraternal groups.

Special Activities

Special services provided by SCLC include the radio program "Martin Luther King Speaks"; the newspaper "Soul Force"; printed materials; and special cultural, entertainment and

SCLC: 1957-1969

1957: Founding of SCLC.
1958: Expansion to 10 states, 22 cities.
1959: Sit-ins, nonviolent education, boycotts, school desegregation.
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1961: Freedom Rides . . . Albany Movement.
1962: Citizenship Education Program
Operation Breadbasket
1963: Birmingham Movement . . .
March on Washington . . .
Savannah Movement.
1964: Nobel Peace Prize toDr. King.
Civil Rights Act . . .
St. Augustine.
1965: Selma March . . Voting Rights Act . . South-wide voter registration.
1966: Chicago Movement . .
Mississippi March . . .
Grenada Movement.
1967: Peace Movement . . . Cleveland (black mayor; urban development).
1968: Assassination of Dr. King . . .
Poor People's Campaign . . .
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1969: April Confrontations . . . New Thrust: housing, labor, economic development, politics, youth, education.

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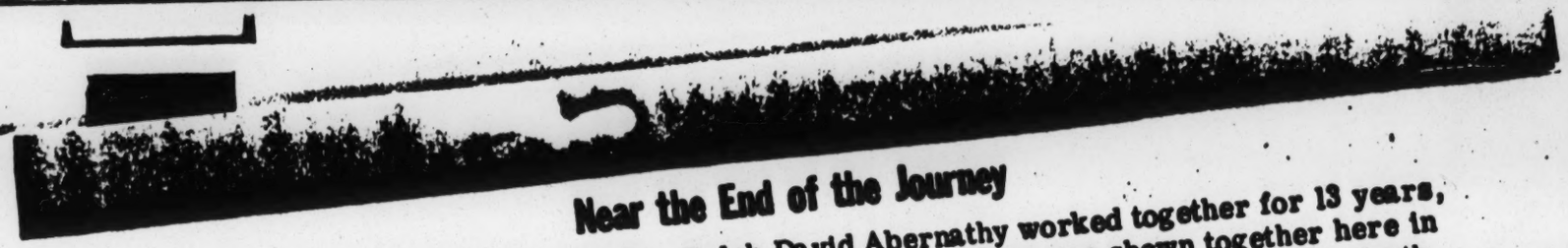

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A Letter To My Dearest Friend, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

(NOTE: Following is a portion of a sermon by Dr. Abernathy on Sunday, April 7, 1968, at his Church, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, in Atlanta.)

To my dearest friend Martin Luther King in a city called Heaven:

Martin, I miss you, and it has just been a few days. I thought I would write you a short letter. It is probably more for my good than it's for yours. I hope it will not be too long before you read it. In heaven I know you have so much to do, so many people to see, and I know many of them have already been looking and waiting for you. It wouldn't be a surprise to me, Martin, if God didn't have a special affair just to introduce his special activist black son to so many others like you that have gone on ahead.

But look up those black friends and talk to the ones you and I have talked about and the ones that you and I lead and the ones who so gallantly followed our leadership. Say thanks to those prophets we quoted from all over America and everywhere else that they asked for us. Give a special word from me to Peter, the man who was once sand but Jesus made him a rock, give my warmest felicitations to my favorite apostle John who loved my Master so much until he stood with his mother at the foot of the Cross, pass my greetings on to Isaiah who had the prophetic vision to see the coming of a Saviour whose name would be wonderful, a mighty Counselor, an ever-lasting [illegible] of Peace; stop by and find Ghandi, the man who inspired us so much in our struggle to free black people through the philosophy and techniques of non-violence.

Look up Bartholomew, for some strange reason I always liked him. But above all I want you to see Jesus, go to the throne and tell how thankful we are. Yes, go see Jesus and tell him about us down here — all of us and all of our families -- and how we have sustained ourselves in the many battles all our lives, tell him how much we love him. Tell him how his name is music in our ears. Tell him how at his name our knees will forever bow and our tongues will always confess. Tell him that we follow not only his words but we follow his life . . .

Then Martin, go from the throne and find Jimmy Lee Jackson, Medgar Evers, William Moore, Jimmy Lee, Viola Liuzzo, Jonathan Daniels, James Reeb, Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney. And then, Martin, find Frederick Douglass, Nat Turner and Marcus Garvey. And don't forget Malcolm. Look for Malcolm! Remember, our God is a loving God. He understands things we don't think he does. The four children of Birmingham and all who have died across Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and in Chicago, New York and in all other places where men have died for the liberty and justice of other men. Martin, it may seem like a big order, but if you find one of them he will know where the rest of them are. I know they have founded the grand international company of freedom fighters and can't wait to introduce you and talk over the final hours . . .

"I Tried To Love And Serve Humanity"

"If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long . . . . . Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards. That's not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school. I'd like somebody to mention that day, that 'Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others.' I'd like for somebody to say that day, that 'Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody.' I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try to feed the hungry. And I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day, that I did try, in my life, to visit those who were in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity."

— Martin Luther King Jr.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia
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[redacted] ADVISES HOTEL RESERVATION MADE TODAY DANVILLE HOTEL FOR DR. RALPH ABERNATHY FOR MAY TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE NEXT. PURPOSE OF ABERNATHY'S VISIT TO DANVILLE UNKNOWN. ATLANTA, COLUMBIA AND WFO FURNISH RICHMOND ANY INFO AVAILABLE CONCERNING ABERNATHY'S PLANS AND PURPOSE IN VISITING DANVILLE.

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RACIAL MATTER

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON THIS DATE THAT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

STOPPING AT EACH COUNTY BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS FOR ONE NIGHT WHERE THEY PLAN TO REST AND GAIN RECRUITS FOR THE MARCH. HE INDICATED THAT SOME MULES AND WAGONS WOULD BE USED IN THE MARCH. HAMMOND SAID HE EXPECTS SUPPORT FORM OTHERPLACES IN ALABAMA SUCH AS MOBILE WHERE GROUPS WILL MARCH FROM THOSE CITIES TO MONTGOMERY. HE SAID AFTER ALL HAVE GATHERED IN MONTGOMERY, THEY WILL MARCH TO THE CAPITAL TO SEE IF ANYTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE POVERTY PROGRAM. ON MORNING OF MAY TWENTYTHREE, NEXT, APPROXIMATELY NINETY SCLC WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO HOLD STAFF MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM. EXACT REASON FOR STAFF MEETING NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/22/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has been conducting demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama, demanding assistance in the form of food, income, and jobs for the poor.

Attached relates that the SCLC is planning to conduct a march from Birmingham to Montgomery beginning 5/27/69.

Appropriate local law enforcement agencies have been advised. Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and pertinent portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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9:20 AM 5/22/69 URGENT JFJ

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794), WFO(100-42300), ATLANTA (100-5718)

AND RICHMOND (100-10241)

FROM COLUMBIA (100-28)

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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RE RICHMOND TELETYPE, MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

[redacted] EASTERN AIRLINES, CHARLESTON, S.C., ADVISED TODAY RALPH D. ABERNATHY DEPARTED CHARLESTON VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE SEVEN ZERO, EIGHT ZERO FIVE A.M. TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. NINE FIFTEEN A.M. NO FURTHER ITINERARY KNOWN

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794), ATLANTA (100-5718) AND RICHMOND (100-10241)

FROM COLUMBIA (100-28)

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RE COTEL MAY TWENTYTWO LAST.

RALPH D. ABERNATHY AND J. T. JOHNSON LEFT CHARLESTOWN NINE THIRTY TODAY FOR ATLANTA, GA., VIA DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER SEVEN FOUR TWO. HAVE RESERVATIONS FOR MAY TWENTYSIX NEXT TO LEAVE ATLANTA, DELTA AIRLINES, FLIGHT SEVEN TWO FOUR TO ARRIVE CHARLESTON, S. C. EIGHT ZERO FOUR A.M.

NO FURTHER TRAVEL ITINERARY KNOWN.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-10241) P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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(OO:ATLANTA)

Re Richmond tel to Director, 5/21/69.

Retel reported information received by [redacted], that hotel reservations made at Danville, Va., for Dr. RALPH ABERNATHY for 5/24 - 25/69.

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[redacted] Hotel Danville, Danville, Va., interviewed by BuAgent, 5/22/69, and stated he received telephone call 5/19/69 from individual who gave name as A. B. SMATHERS, no address, during which SMATHERS requested hotel reservations for "RALPH ABERNATHY" and party of 4 for 5/24 - 25/69. SMATHERS stated he desired two-twin and a single and all occupants of rooms would be men. During telephone conversation, SMATHERS repeated the name "RALPH ABERNATHY" several times and stated, "You know who that is". [redacted] stated individual calling appeared to be a white male, judging from voice.

Sources at Danville unable to furnish any information re possible visit of ABERNATHY to Danville and possibility exists reservations may have been in nature of hoax.

Richmond, however, considers it entirely possible ABERNATHY may appear in Danville.

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ATLANTA, COLUMBIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE furnish any information available re possible visit of ABERNATHY to Danville.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 5/22 and 24/69 concerning the Charleston, South Carolina hospital workers strike.

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There is no information in the indices of the NYO for LANE KIRKLAND.

For the information of Columbia, it is noted that on 5/24/69, while in conversation with STANLEY LEVISON, MOE FONER mentioned that the Governor (presumably the Governor of South Carolina) met with a person named BILL SAUNDERS whom FONER said is known as a militant "and who has been close to us and ANDY (YOUNG)"

ENCLOSURE

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Communist Infiltration of the
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC)
Internal Security - Communist

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ascertained on May 22, 1969, that Moe Foner of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union, New York City, told Stanley Levison that, as a result of a meeting at Local 1199, a meeting is to be held with a Lane Kirkland of the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations in reference to the following:

1. A combined march and rally
2. Money
3. Participation of the International Longshoremen's Association
4. A step-up of the campaign in Charleston, South Carolina

Levison expressed the opinion that it is time for people to begin going to jail and to institute a national boycott.

According to the source, an affair is being planned for May 29, 1969, presumably in Charleston, South Carolina, and that Foner is working on the entertainment and getting out the leaflets.

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The source subsequently learned on May 24, 1969, that Levison was told by Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the SCLC that a meeting would be held on the afternoon of May 25, 1969, in Charleston, South Carolina, which would include representatives of Local 1199, the SCLC staff, and possibly some local people. Young requested Levison to attend this meeting and Levison promised to attempt to be present.

The source also learned that Moe Foner wanted Levison to be present at the meeting on May 25 because Foner felt they should discuss where they are going with the strike.

The source advised on May 24, 1969, that Stanley Levison told Moe Foner that Coretta King has agreed to appear with Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President on the program of May 29 and that he had contacted Fannie Lou Hamer (of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party) and got her to appear on the program also. He said that Coretta would attempt to get Shirley Chisholm, United States Congresswomen form New York, and Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women, to attend.

The source learned on May 25, 1969, that Stanley Levison made arrangements to fly to Charleston, South Carolina, via National Airlines, on Monday, May 26, 1969, arriving there at 1:27 PM. Levison plans to go to Atlanta, Georgia, when he leaves Charleston.

Stanley Levison

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Moe Foner New York

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"The New York Journal American", a former evening New York City newspaper, in its issue of February 5, 1947, contained an article which reflected that Moe Foner was banned from membership in the Flushing Chapter of the American Veterans Committee because he admitted he was a Communist.

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POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
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RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for disseminations.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished to the U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham, local military intelligence agencies, and the United States Attorney, Birmingham.

Information copies furnished the Atlanta, Jackson and Mobile Divisions.

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All Informants and Sources in the Birmingham Division, including liaison sources, criminal informants, potential criminal informants, security informants, and potential security informants, have been contacted and have received specific assignments to attempt to develop advance information concerning possible violence. Close

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contacts are being maintained with these informants and sources. To date, none have developed any specific information of impending riots or potential violence in the Birmingham area in the foreseeable future. During all contacts with these individuals, the contacting Agents impressed upon them the need and importance of receiving advance information concerning possible racial violence.

SAC Evaluation

At this time, the marches by the SCLC are definitely on the wane. No marches have been held for several days. As stated previously, if the marches continue after schools are out for the summer and any sizeable number of school pupils are used in the marches, I believe that the potential for some violence will increase; however, it appears at this time that local Negroes are giving very little, if any, support to the SCLC, and no large scale violence appears imminent. I believe that local authorities can cope with matters as they appear at present. Violence, of course, could start from some unexpected or unforseeable incident.

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Re: Possible Racial Violence
Major Urban Areas

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The information set forth is based upon the comments and views of local Government officials, police officials, leaders in various racial groups, established sources, and public source information. This document pertains to the racial situation as of the time the comments and views are expressed; the possibility that the racial situation in a particular area may abruptly change at any time must be taken into consideration.

Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated May 2, 1969.

I. Names of Communities

No change.

II. General Racial Conditions

On April 8, 1969, Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) opened in Birmingham, Alabama, what he called the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign. From that time until the present there have been marches by paid SCLC staff workers from Atlanta and other cities, supported by some Birmingham people, including women and children. At first, these marches were held almost daily, then it was noticeable that a day or two would go by without a march, and at the present time the marches are somewhat irregular and very poorly attended. Several arrests have

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been made in connection with these marches. The last arrest in these continuing demonstrations was made on the morning of May 16, 1969. Several demonstrators had maintained an all night vigil at the Jefferson County Food Stamp office in downtown Birmingham. The food stamp office was due to open for business at 8:00 a.m., but demonstrators blocked the entrance thereto. After a warning to disperse, twenty-five demonstrators were arrested by the Birmingham Police Department, beginning at 9:08 a.m. on a charge of violating the city fire code and obstructing entry to a public building and were taken to the city jail. The demonstrators who did not block the office and who were not arrested, dispersed about 10:00 a.m. that date.

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[redacted] advised on May 19, 1969, that the SCLC activity is the only racial activity going on in the City of Birmingham at the present time. He said that in his opinion, the over-all general racial condition in Birmingham is good. He said, of course, as long as some 20 paid SCLC staff workers remain in Birmingham and continue their provocative attitude, which they have maintained for several weeks, there is some danger of racial trouble.

III. Current Evaluation of Violence Potential

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[redacted] mentioned above, advised on May 19, 1969, that he believes the violence potential in Birmingham has dropped a little during the past two or three weeks inasmuch as it now appears that the local Negroes, particularly the Birmingham Negro Ministers, are not giving any support to the SCLC's Poor People's Campaign. He said that it now appears that the SCLC's young staff workers have alienated and antagonized Dr. Edward W. Gardner, Vice President of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human

Rights. He said that the SCLC workers, in the absence of Hosea Williams, who is one of their leading officials, left the ACMHR office which they had been using and moved to a new office which they rented on Eighth Avenue, West, near Fourteenth Street. [redacted] said that the marches have dwindled down to nearly nothing and that there is very little, if any, local support at this time for the SCLC work. He said, however, that it is still possible for some trouble to arise out of the various marches around Birmingham. He said that he feels now as he has felt all along, that it is impossible to accurately predict whether or not trouble will arise as a result of these marches. b7D

[redacted] who has some knowledge of the general racial situation in Birmingham, advised that in his opinion the potential for violence has lessoned to a marked degree within the last two or three weeks. He said there is no question that the lack of support by local Birmingham Negroes is hurting the SCLC work. c b1

[redacted] who has some knowledge of the general racial situation in Birmingham, and extensive knowledge of the Negro churches in the city, advised on May 19, 1969, that in his opinion, the SCLC has gotten off to a bad start and has laid the wrong foundation for their project against poverty in Birmingham. He said that he believes the potential for violence is much less than it was three weeks ago. He said the young SCLC staff workers have failed to secure the support of the Ministers and church people in Birmingham, and at this time their support is practically nil. c b1

There is no significant change in any of the other major urban areas in this division with reference to potential violence.

IV. Identities of Organizations Involved and Their Leaders in the Local Racial Situation

No change.

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V. Objectives Sought by Minority Community

No change.

On April 19, 1969, Jefferson County District Attorney Earl Morgan said he would cause a special grand jury session to look into the charges of police brutality. The special grand jury session was called and began holding sessions on April 24, 1969. "The Birmingham News," for May 15, 1969, printed a story which indicated that the grand jury had finished its work and set forth in the newspaper a report from the grand jury signed by its foreman, Clifford W. Seawel, accepted and ordered filed in court on May 15, 1969, by Circuit Judge Elias C. Watson, Jr. Among other things, this report stated:

> The grand jury was in session ten days and examined 157 witnesses. The term "police brutality" seems to be a much overworked phrase. When the grand jury first began hearing witnesses concerning this charge, it was a unanimous feeling that the grand jury was dealing with complaints of physical abuse. It soon became apparent that this was not the case. Those who charged "police brutality" also included verbal abuse, addressing of citizens in a discourteous manner and refusing to use terms such as "Dr.," "Rev.," "Mr. or Mrs.," or using improper terms, referring to their race or using derogatory and degrading terms. The grand jury said that they found that in certain instances, police officers in the Greater Jefferson County area have been guilty of some discourtesy in contacts with the citizens. They said that cases of actual physical assaults by a police officer are quite rare but "may have existed to some degree; however, we have had no provable evidence presented to us to substantiate this." The report continued that they had returned no indictments and

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said that in executing an arrest, a police officer must use force when the person under arrest resists the officer.

VI. Reaction of Leaders and Members of Community to Demands of Minority Groups

[redacted] that the Negro leaders in the community did not approve the results of the above-mentioned grand jury report. [redacted] that these Negro leaders are convinced that there is too much police brutality in the Birmingham area and they feel that the Jefferson County Grand Jury failed to find the true picture.

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VII. Foreign Influence in the Black Nationalist Movement

None known.

VIII. Stockpiling of Arms and Ammunition

None.

IX. Armed Attacks on Law Enforcement Officers by Black Extremists

None.

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Title Possible Racial Violence
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Character Racial Matters

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated May 19, 1969, at Birmingham.

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DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY TWENTY, SIXTY NINE, RACIAL MATTERS.

FBI AGENTS OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING ON MAY TWENTY:

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE FIFTEEN P.M. ABOUT NINETY INDIVIDUALS LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK, MARCHED THROUGH DOWNTOWN STREETS AND TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP CENTER OFF EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH. THEY SANG A FEW SONGS IN FRONT OF THE CENTER AND LEFT IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES. THE GROUP MARCHED TO THE PARK, LOADED INTO A BUS AND WERE DRIVEN TO SCLC HEADQUARTERS FOURTEENTH STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE NORTH. THEY ARRIVED THERE ABOUT TWO FORTY FIVE P.M.

THERE WERE NINETY MARCHERS. OF THE NINETY, FORTY ONE WERE TEENAGERS AND UNDER. OF THE FORTY ONE, NINETEEN WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWO AND SIX. NO VIOLENCE OR INCIDENTS.

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RE RICHMOND TELETYPE, MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

RALPH D. ABERNATHY DEPARTED CHARLESTON, S.C., EIGHT ZERO FIVE A.M., VIA EASTERN AIRLINES TODAY FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.

ABERNATHY TOLD [redacted] THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO CHARLESTON EIGHT ZERO FOUR A.M. MAY TWENTYTHREE NEXT.

DELTA AIRLINES, CHARLESTON, HAS RESERVATIONS FOR ABERNATHY AND J.T. JOHNSON TO LEAVE ATLANTA, SIX THIRTY FIVE A.M., ARRIVE CHARLESTON, EIGHT ZERO FOUR A.M.; LEAVE CHARLESTON SIX THIRTY SIX P.M., DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER SEVEN ZERO ONE FOR BIRMINGHAM, ALL ON MAY TWENTYTHREE NEXT.

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There are enclosed for the Bureau eleven copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] on 5/20/69, concerning contacts between STANLEY LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG and STANLEY LEVISON and CORETTA KING on that date. [redacted]

An information copy of this LHM is being furnished to Columbia. (U)

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on May 20, 1969, that on that date, Stanley Levison was contacted by Andrew Young, Executive Vice President of the SCLC and that they criticized Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, for trying to emulate Martin Luther King, Jr., deceased President of the SCLC. Young claimed that Abernathy is suffering from an inferiority complex, giving him a feeling of insecurity, which affects his judgements and leads him to make bad decisions. Levison, at Young's suggestion, agreed to contact Abernathy to see if he can get him straightened out.

Young and Levison, in discussing the hospital workers strike in Charleston, South Carolina, which the SCLC is supporting, agreed it will be won but only after a long struggle. They believe it will be well worth while.

Young told Levison that an SCLC Board meeting will be held the first week of June, 1969, and that he wanted Levison to be present. Levison agreed to attend.

The source further advised that on May 20, 1969, Levison was in contact with Coretta King and that Levison was opposed to Coretta King being the keynote speaker at the forthcoming SCLC Convention. He said he was against it because it would put her in a policy making status whereas she should limit her activities to participation

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They noted that Montgomery, Alabama, has been suggested as the site of the SCLC Convention but that Coretta King and Levison believe Charleston, South Carolina, would be a more vital location.

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ACTIVITY OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYNINE. ~~RM.~~ RACIAL MATTER

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SCLC HELD A STAFF MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, THIS DATE BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M. AND ENDING FOUR P.M. HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC OFFICIAL, WAS CHAIRMAN OF MEETING. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE STAFF WORKERS PRESENT FROM ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, GEORGIA AND NORTH CAROLINA. WILLIAMS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO MARCH FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MONTGOMERY NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. THIS MARCH HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY RESET FOR JUNE EIGHT NEXT. HE SAID PLANS ARE TO "WALK SOME AND RIDE SOME," AND SCHEDULE FOR THIS MARCH IS AS FOLLOWS: 100-438794-2695

LOCAL SCLC GROUPS WILL LEAVE MOBILE, DOTHAN, GADSDEN,

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TUSCALOOSA AND BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, JUNE SECOND NEXT, PROCEEDING TO MONTGOMERY, PICKING UP ADDITIONAL PEOPLE AS THEY GO ALONG. THESE GROUPS WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MONTGOMERY JUNE EIGHT AND REMAIN THERE ONE DAY. WILL LEAVE MONTGOMERY JUNE NINE NEXT AND RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM THAT NIGHT; ARRIVE IN ATLANTA JUNE TEN NEXT; SAVANNAH, GA., JUNE ELEVEN; CHARLESTON, S. C., JUNE TWELVE; COLUMBIA, S.C., JUNE THIRTEEN; GREENVILLE, S.C., JUNE FOURTEEN; CHARLOTTE, N. C., JUNE FIFTEEN; GREENSBORO, N.C., JUNE SIXTEEN; DURHAM N.C., JUNE SEVENTEEN; RALEIGH,, N. C., JUNE EIGHTEEN; NORFOLK, VA., JUNE NINETEEN; PETERSBURG, VA., JUNE TWENTY; RICHMOND, VA., JUNE TWENTYONE, AND WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE TWENTYTWO NEXT.

WILLIAMS DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING CONCERNING THE SCLC GROUP IN BIRMINGHAM GOING TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP CENTER AND STAYING FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND NIGHTS AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN DROPPED AS HOSEA WILLIAMS APPARENTLY DID NOT APPROVE IT. WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED THAT SCLC WILL HAVE A NEW POLICY CONCERNING ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH DEMONSTRATIONS IN BIRMINGHAM. THIS POLICY IS THAT SCLC WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO GET ANY OF THE MARCHERS OUT OF JAIL,

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NOR PAY FOR ANY BONDS. THOSE ARRESTED WILL SERVE THEIR TIME IN JAIL AND LET THE TAXPAYERS FEED THEM.

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[redacted] LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND ~~USA~~ U.S. Attorney, BIRMINGHAM, HAVE BEEN ADVISED. ~~LHM~~ Memo FOLLOWS.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has been conducting demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama, demanding assistance in the form of food, income, and jobs for the poor.

Attached states that the previously-announced march from Birmingham to Montgomery which was to begin 5/27/69 has been rescheduled to begin 6/2/69. The marchers will leave from several cities within Alabama and arrive in Montgomery on 6/8/69 and will then proceed north planning to arrive Washington, D. C., on 6/22/69. Attached also states that if any demonstrators are arrested, the SCLC will make no attempt to get them out of jail but will let them serve their time and the tax payers feed them.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Informantion Unit of Department and pertinent portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969.
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The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) leaders in Birmingham distributed a six page brochure entitled "Hunger Phase - Second Chapter of the Poor Peoples' Campaign." This brochure set forth the dates of arrival and departure of the caravan which is being formed to participate in marches to support the Second Chapter of the Poor Peoples' Campaign. This brochure is being made an enclosure for the various offices involved, and is self-explanatory.

It is noted that the first page of this brochure has been previously submitted in a form suitable for dissemination to the various offices involved, but it is being repeated herein.

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	DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES	DATE CARAVAN DEPARTS	DATE STARTING MARCH ENDS IN SAFETY
[illegible]	June 9th	June 9th	June 8th
[illegible]	10th	10th	
[illegible]	11th	11th	9th.
[illegible]	12th	12th	
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[illegible]	16th	[illegible]	
[illegible]	17th	[illegible]	
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[illegible] FINAL FASTEST MARCH

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CLARK (Jackson)

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MARENGO (Linden)

WILCOX (Camden)

LOWNDES (Haynesville)

MONTGOMERY (Montgomery)

HOUSTON (Dothan)

HENRY (Abbeville)

BARBOUR (Eufaula)

LUCE [illegible] (Union Springs)

MACON (Tuskegee)

LEE (Auburn)

ELMORE (Wetumpka)

MONTGOMERY (Montgomery)

N.B.: Caravans Early Morning Marches (9:00 AM)
Memphis Nosa Day Marches

DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES	DATE CARAVAN DEPARTS
June 8th	June 9th
[illegible], MISS. — 9th	10th
[illegible], TENN. — 10th	11th
[illegible], TENN. — 11th	12th
[illegible], KENTUCKY — 12th	13th
[illegible], OHIO — 13th	14th
[illegible], INDIANA — 14th	15th
[illegible], ILLINOIS — 15th	16th
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[illegible], PHILADELPHIA, PA. — 21st.	22nd
[illegible], MARYLAND — 22nd	
[illegible], D.C.	

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GEORGIA STATEWIDE MARCHES

NOTE: * Indicates Early Morning March (9:00 AM)

CITY	DATE CAR AVAN ARRIVES	DATE CARAVAN DEPARTS	DATE MARCH
WARNER ROBINS	June 2nd	June 3rd	
MACON	3rd	4th	
FORSYTH	4th	5th	
BARNESVILLE	5th	6th	
ZEBULON	6th	7th	
GRIFFIN	7th	8th	
JONESBORO	8th	9th	
ATLANTA	9th	10th	Ju

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COUNTIES WHERE MARCHERS WILL BE RECRUITED FOR STATEWIDE MARCH, WARNER ROBINS TO ATLANTA

WARE	DODGE	CRISP
CLINCH	LAWRENCE	SUMPTER
WORTH	CHATHAM	TATTNALL
LONG	EMANUEL	EFFINGHAM
BULLOCK	WASHINGTON	SCREVEN
TOOMBS	HOUSTON	JEFFERSON

	DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES	DATE CARAVAN DEPARTS
CROOK		June 16th
EXETSMOUTH	June 16th	17th
HANLEY	17th	18th
HOPEWELL	18th	19th
PARKSBURG	19th	20th
RICHMOND	20th	22nd

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 5/23/69

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-3694) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARCH SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SOUL STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE,
Vidalia, Georgia
4/19/69
RM
(OO: Savannah)

Re Savannah teletypes to Bureau, 4/7/69, 4/9/69 and 4/17/69.

All necessary action regarding captioned matter has been taken by Atlanta and this case is considered referred upon completion to office of origin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42300)

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM JACKSON (157-11017)

SCLC MARCH FROM BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI BEGINNING SIX TWO SIXTYNINE. RM.

[redacted]

ADVISED SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI ON SIX ONE SIXTYNINE [redacted] THE PROPOSED MARCH FROM BATESVILLE, MISS. TO JACKSON, MISS., HAD BEEN CANCELLED. [redacted] SAID THE MARCH PLANS WOULD BE MODIFIED AND THE MARCH DATE TENTATIVELY RE-SET FOR SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS. [redacted] ADVISED THAT DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SCLC, MADE FINAL DECISION AND IT APPEARS THAT SCLC COULD NOT MAKE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENT FOR MARCHES IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI AT THIS TIME.

MHSP, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND OSI ADVISED.

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MATTER BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED AS SOURCES BEING CONTACTED.

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Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities have been advised as indicated in LHM. The Agent interviewing

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Will contact racial sources and obtain any background regarding Miss. march as well as other marches possibly to be held throughout the South.

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Will contact racial sources; keep Bureau, auxiliary offices, and local authorities advised.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969

[redacted] advised a Special Agent of the FBI on May 26, 1969, that the SCLC contemplated a march originating June 2, 1969, from Batesville, Mississippi, via U. S. Highway 51, to Jackson, Mississippi. Marchers will arrive on an unspecified date at the Mississippi State Capitol or State Governor's Mansion in Jackson. [redacted] stated that the participants would walk all the way and that no wagons or conveyances would be used. [redacted] emphasized that the purpose of the proposed march was not to focus discontent on the State of Mississippi or any area within Mississippi, but rather to focus attention on "our trouble" in Washington, D. C.

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When pressed for details, he stated that Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, was allegedly displeased with his, Abernathy's, treatment by President Richard M. Nixon when Abernathy met with the President at Washington recently in May, 1969. Abernathy and six of his associates met with the President and other cabinet officers, giving Abernathy over an hour to renew his demands concerning Negro poverty. Abernathy then asked the President to talk with other delegates who accompanied Abernathy, however, the President told him he had other commitments at that time and Abernathy and his associates continued meeting with members of the President's Staff.

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Abernathy later told the newsmen that he was disappointed with the President at the meeting as he, Abernathy, wanted to meet with selected cabinet members individually. Abernathy and his staff claim that they were snubbed.

[redacted] presided over by Hosea Williams, SCLC officer, a form of Poor Peoples march was decided upon to gain some nationwide publicity. [redacted] advised that June 2, 1969, was a target date only and that it had not been decided what celebrities or officials would lead the march from Batesville to Jackson, which is approximately 135 miles. This march would possibly take 15 to 20 days to complete. b7D

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Chief, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Secret Service, Military Intelligence, Office of Special Investigations, and local authorities Batesville and Jackson advised by FBI of proposed march.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969

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Dear Sirs:

Please send me, or tell me where I may obtain information about the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference," and it's connection with communist activities.

Also please send me information concerning Liberty Lobby and the John Birch Society. Are they subversive?

Thank you

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CORRESPONDE

June 4, 1969

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[redacted]

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505 b7c

Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of May 29th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and it is not possible for me to refer you to a source for the data you are seeking. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
MAY 22-23, 1969
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SCLC held a meeting on the night of May 22, 1969, at the Lilly Grove Baptist Church, Birmingham, with approximately 225 persons present. Joe Hammonds, SCLC worker, was the main speaker and talked about a march which is planned from Birmingham to Montgomery, Alabama. Hammonds said that SCLC plans to march from the New Pilgrim Baptist Church after a mass meeting on the night of May 22, 1969, to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Center, where they will remain until Tuesday morning, May 27, 1969. Hammonds told the group that SCLC then plans to conduct a march beginning on the morning of May 27, 1969, from Birmingham to Montgomery, Alabama, stopping at each county between the two points for one night, where they plan to rest and gain recruits for the march. He said some mules and wagons will be used in the march. Hammonds said he expects support from other places in Alabama, such as Mobile, where groups will march from those cities to Montgomery. He said after all have gathered in Montgomery, they will march to the Capitol to see if anything can be accomplished for the poverty program.

On May 22, 1969, FBI Agents observed the following:

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RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF SCLC

At approximately 9:40 p.m., May 22, 1969, following a meeting at the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, approximately 100 individuals marched from the church to Kelly Ingram Park and there dispersed without incident at 10:30 p.m.

It is noted that the marchers did not go to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Center that night as planned, and the plan to stay at the Food Stamp Center for several days failed to materialize.

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SCLC held a staff meeting at St. Paul's AME Church, Birmingham, on May 23, 1969, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Hosea Williams, SCLC Official, was chairman of the meeting. There were approximately 75 staff workers present from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina. Williams said there would be no march from Birmingham to Montgomery on Tuesday, May 27, 1969, as previously announced. This march has been tentatively reset for June 8, 1969. He said plans are to "walk some and ride some," and schedule for this march is as follows: DC

Local SCLC groups will leave Mobile, Dothan, Gadsden, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Alabama, June 2, 1969, proceeding to Montgomery, picking up additional people as they go along. These groups will plan to arrive in Montgomery June 8, and remain there one day. They will leave Montgomery on June 9, 1969, and return to Birmingham that night. They will arrive in Atlanta on June 10, 1969; Savannah, Georgia, June 11, 1969; Charleston, South Carolina, June 12, 1969; Columbia, South Carolina, June 13, 1969; Greenville, South Carolina, June 14, 1969; Charlotte, North Carolina, June 15, 1969; Greensboro, North Carolina, June 16, 1969; Durham, North Carolina, June 17, 1969; Raleigh, North Carolina, June 18, 1969; Norfolk, Virginia, June 19, 1969; Petersburg, Virginia, June 20, 1969; Richmond, Virginia, June 21, 1969; and Washington, D. C., June 22, 1969.

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RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF SCLC

Williams did not mention anything concerning the SCLC group in Birmingham going to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Center and staying for several days and nights as had previously been announced. Source said he believes this project has been dropped as Hosea Williams apparently did not approve it. Williams announced that SCLC will have a new policy concerning arrests in connection with demonstrations in Birmingham. This policy is that SCLC will not attempt to get any of the marchers out of jail nor pay for any bonds. Those arrested will serve their time in jail and let the taxpayers feed them.

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[redacted] Williams said during his talk that some of the marchers will undoubtedly be arrested during this march. He said he hopes they will be arrested in Washington, D. C., but that in any event, wherever they are arrested, they will remain in jail until their sentence has been served and SCLC will not make any attempt to bond them out of jail.

After giving a schedule of the march to all present (which has been set out above), Williams announced that the group hoped and planned to march on the Capitol in Washington on June 23, 1969. He said if all the plans go well, they will arrive in Washington, D. C., on June 22, 1969, and plan to march on the Capitol the day following.

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Birmingham, Alabama
May 26, 1969

Title DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 22-23, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum of SA [redacted] dated May 26, 1969, at Birmingham, Alabama.

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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
May 22, 1969

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DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 15-16 AND MAY 20, 1969

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[redacted] advised on May 16, 1969, that a group of individuals led by SCLC workers maintained an all-night vigil at the Jefferson County Food Stamp Office. He said that the Food Stamp Office was due to be open for business at 8 a.m. on May 16, 1969, but that the demonstrators blocked the entrance to it. After being warned to disperse, 25 demonstrators were arrested by the Birmingham Police, beginning at 9:08 a.m. on May 16, 1969, on charges of violating the City Fire Code and obstructing entry to a public building. They were taken to the Birmingham City Jail. The demonstrators who did not block the office were not arrested and disbursed at approximately 10 a.m.

On the morning of May 16, 1969, FBI Agents observed Robert Johnson, SCLC activist and believed to be from Grenada, Mississippi.

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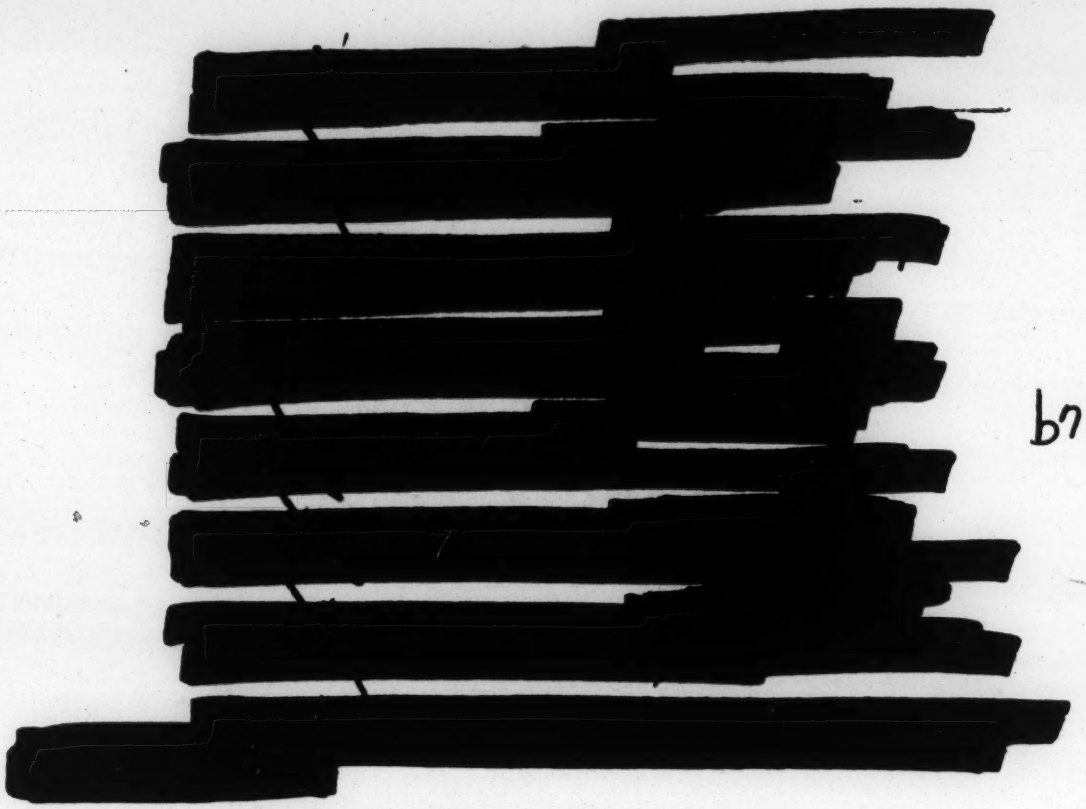

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FBI Agents observed the following on May 20, 1969:

At approximately 1:15 p.m., about 90 individuals left Kelly Ingram Park, marched through downtown streets and to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Center off Eighth Avenue North. They sang a few songs in front of the center and left in about twenty minutes. The group marched back to the park, loaded into a bus, and were driven to SCLC Headquarters, 14th Street and Eighth Avenue North. They arrived there about 2:45 p.m.

There were 90 marchers. Of the 90, 41 were teen-agers and under. Of the 41, 19 were between the ages of 2 and 6. There was no violence or incident during this demonstration.

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There was only one speaker, Hosea Williams, SCLC official. During his talk he said that he was going to Washington, D. C., and take 3,000 people with him. He did not say when or give any other specifics. There were about 200 people present in the church during this speech.

Williams said that the closed Job Corps Centers would now be used for concentration camps for Negroes, and their hearts, kidneys, and other vital organs would be transplanted in white people. He said that they would be like the Jews during World War II. They would all be killed. He said that President Nixon is trying to bring the Negro people back into slavery. He said the Federal government is dumping surplus food into the ocean when it could be used to feed the poor people.

He also said that there would be a march sometime from Birmingham to Montgomery, Alabama, where they would proceed to the Governor's Office; and also a march from Mobile to Montgomery. He set no dates for these marches and gave no specifics. He has set up a committee in Montgomery, Alabama, for the young people who have been kicked out of college. He said there have been about 79 students kicked out of college in Montgomery. Williams said that he expects to talk to the preachers of Jefferson County, Alabama, that they are not supporting SCLC.

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On the night of May 20, 1969, SCLC conducted a meeting at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, 300 - 4th Court North. There were about 200 people present. JOE HAMMONDS, one of the SCLC leaders, was the speaker. He talked about conducting a march from Birmingham to Montgomery. He did not specify any date. He said they planned to go

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to Montgomery with a mule train going out of Birmingham on 20th Street South. He said they would stop in every county on the way to Montgomery and spend the night and pick up other marchers. He said their plans were to go to Washington, D. C., from Montgomery. No date was mentioned. He said "Nixon is going to have a long, hot summer." He said that other marchers would come from surrounding states to go to Washington, D. C., with the Alabama marchers. He said they plan to have SCLC staff members meet with Governor Albert Brewer of Alabama. No date for the meeting was mentioned or other specifics. There were four unidentified white youths present, age approximately 19. One of these white youths said that they wanted to help the Negroes, and one of them indicated he would speak at some later meeting.

Joe Hammonds said that on Thursday, May 22, 1969, SCLC group planned to go to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Center on Thursday night and stay until the following Tuesday morning, May 27, 1969.

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WFO has disseminated enclosed LHM locally to AUSA, WDC; U.S. Secret Service and interested military intelligence agencies.

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plans are underway in Washington, D.C. (WDC), to hold a musical program under the sponsorship of Operation Breadbasket. The premiere performance will be held at the Cramton Auditorium on the campus of Howard University, WDC, on the night of June 20, 1969. At 10:00 a.m. on June 21, 1969, a free performance is scheduled to be held at the Tivoli Theater, 3301 14th Street, N.W., WDC, for people from the community.

The above source made available the following news release which describes Operation Breadbasket as "the economic development program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference."

"CHICAGO--The Operation Breadbasket's new 22-piece Gospel Orchestra and 40 voice choir will present its premiere performance of a memorial concert program dedicated to the late Dr. Martin Luther King in the nation's capital, June 20-22.

"The aggregation of professional musicians and singers were scheduled to appear in Washington, May 30-June 1, but the concerts were post-poned to complete recording dates by the unique gospel ensemble.

"The Premiere performance in Washington will be held at Howard University's Crampton auditorium and the group will make other appearances throughout the city, including a benefit show for Change, Inc., and concerts at several churches, sponsored by local organizations.

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"The nation's first gospel orchestra is led by Ben Branch, an accomplished organist, saxophonist and arranger, who often accompanied Dr. King on his speaking tours.

"Branch now leads the Operation Breadbasket orchestra at the organization's regular Saturday services conducted by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, national director, at Chicago's Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. Operation Breadbasket is the economic development program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"Nearly 5,000 persons attend the weekly services to discuss plans for black community development and non-violent protest of discriminatory conditions.

"The Rev. Jackson is also leading the campaign against hunger in the state as part of the second phase of the Poor People's Campaign under the direction of the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC president and successor to Dr. King.

"The Breadbasket orchestra and choir are staging the concerts for the benefit of the campaign. The Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, SCLC coordinator in Washington, is helping to arrange the concerts with the aid of the Operation Breadbasket staff".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

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BESSEMER, ALABAMA
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
June 3, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-115

DEMONSTRATION BY SCLC
BESSEMER, ALABAMA
JUNE 2, 1969

The following information was obtained from [redacted] b7D

A parade permit was issued to Asbury Howard, Sr., President, Bessemer Voters League, a pro-civil rights group, for a march to be held June 2, 1969, between 12 noon and 1 p.m. The group, consisting of SCLC, NAACP, and other Negro groups, would march to the Bessemer City Hall and present a petition containing several demands of the Bessemer City Council.

A group consisting of between 250 and 300 marched, beginning at 12:30 p.m., to the Bessemer City Hall. Hosea Williams and Perry Carlisle, also known as "Mobile Fats," made speeches and at approximately 3 p.m., the group dispersed leaving a small group of SCLC workers at the City Hall.

An unknown out-of-town Negro male claimed Chief George Barron, Bessemer Police Department, kidnapped Victor Woods, a member of their group. This unknown Negro male said he was returning to Birmingham to look for Woods and if Woods could not be found, they would return to Bessemer and raise "some kind of hell."

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Re: Demonstration by SCLC, Bessemer, Alabama, June 2, 1969

[redacted] He advised that an unknown Negro male and SCLC workers said that they were returning to Birmingham to look for Woods and if Woods did not show up, they would return to Bessemer and "burn the town down." [redacted] said that Asbury Howard, Sr., did not participate in this march. He said he has information there will be a meeting in a church on 11th Avenue and 24th Street in Bessemer between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on June 2, 1969. b7D

[redacted] said that this group presented a petition to the City Council in Bessemer demanding that the swimming pools be opened, more Negroes appointed to all city boards, hiring of more Negro city policemen and firemen, and that a Negro be hired in the City Clerk's Office.

No arrests or incidents occurred during this march except as stated above.

No demonstration or march was held in Bessemer, Alabama, on the evening of June 2, 1969. No trouble was contemplated by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Bessemer Police Department for Bessemer, Alabama, on the evening of June 2, 1969.

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[redacted] ALABAMA, DISCLOSED PARADE PERMIT ISSUED TO ASBURY HOWARD, SR., PRESIDENT, BESSEMER VOTERS LEAGUE, A PRO CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP, FOR MARCH TO BE HELD JUNE TWO INSTANT, BETWEEN TWELVE NOON AND ONE P.M. GROUP, CONSISTING OF SCLC, NAACP, AND OTHER NEGRO GROUPS, TO MARCH TO BESSEMER CITY HALL AND PRESENT PETITION CONTAINING SEVERAL DEMANDS OF BESSEMER CITY COUNCIL.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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[redacted] DISCLOSED GROUP CONSISTING OF BETWEEN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND THREE HUNDRED MARCHED, BEGINNING AT TWELVE THIRTY P.M., BESSEMER CITY HALL. HOSEA WILLIAMS AND PERRY CARLISLE, AKA "MOBILE FATS," MADE SPEECHES AND AT APPROXIMATELY

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THREE P.M. GROUP DISPERSED, LEAVING A SMALL GROUP OF SCLC WORKERS AT CITY HALL.

AN UNKNOWN OUT OF TOWN NEGRO MALE CLAIMED CHIEF GEORGE BARRON, BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT, KIDNAPPED VICTOR WOODS, A MEMBER OF THEIR GROUP. THIS UNKNOWN NEGRO MALE STATED RETURNING TO BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO LOOK FOR WOODS AND IF THEY COULD NOT LOCATE HIM, THEY WOULD RETURN TO BESSEMER, ALA., AND RAISE "SOME KIND OF HELL."

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[redacted] ADVISED UNKNOWN NEGRO MALE AND SCLC WORKERS STATED RETURNING TO BIRMINGHAM TO LOOK FOR WOODS AND IF WOODS DID NOT SHOW UP, THEY WOULD RETURN TO BESSEMER AND "BURN THE TOWN DOWN." [redacted] SAID ASBURY HOWARD, SR. DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS MARCH. [redacted] ADVISED HIS INFORMATION IS THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT A CHURCH ON ELEVENTH AVENUE AND TWENTYFOURTH STREET BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY AND EIGHT P.M., IN BESSEMER, INSTANT DATE.

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[redacted] STATED THIS GROUP PRESENTED A PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL DEMANDING SWIMMING POOLS BE OPENED, MORE NEGROES APPOINTED TO ALL CITY BOARDS, HIRING OF MORE NEGRO POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN, AND A NEGRO BE HIRED IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING MARCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COGNIZANT. LHM/MEMO FOLLOWS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING OUTCOME OF MEETING TO BE HELD BESSEMER, ALABAMA, EVENING OF INSTANT DATE.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/2/69

Attached relates that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference conducted a march in Bessemer, Alabama, on 6/2/69 demanding swimming pools be opened, more Negroes appointed to all city boards, hiring of more Negro policemen and firemen and that a Negro be hired in the city clerks office. Subsequently, the police chief was accused of kidnapping and/or arresting a member of the marching group and several of the demonstrators stated they would "burn the town down" if this individual did not show up.

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ADDENDUM: 6-3-69 TPD:rv WCS/Tom

Subsequent information received that no incidents occurred during evening of 6-2-69.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFEREN-

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It is noted that New York airtel and LHM captioned, "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C", dated 5/23/69, sets forth information received 5/20/69 from [redacted] This information indicates that on 5/20/69, ANDREW YOUNG and STANLEY LEVISON criticized ABERNATHY. On this occasion YOUNG pointed out ABERNATHY suffers from an inferiority complex and that this affects his judgment and causes him to make poor decisions. According to source, LEVISON agreed to see if he could not straighten ABERNATHY out [illegible] AGENCY: AGSI, [illegible], OSI; SEC. SER: [illegible] FAO Div.

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Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 4, 1969

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character RACIAL MATTER; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum from FBI, Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM (157-115)

FROM JACKSON (157-11017)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE - SIXTEEN SIXTYNINE; RM. RACIAL MATTER

R.B. COTTONREADER, PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC, GRENADA, MISS., HELD A RALLY AT THE BELL FLOWER CHURCH IN GRENADA, MISS., WHERE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY TWO PEOPLE HAD ASSEMBLED. AT TWELVE TWENTY P.M. COTTONREADER BEGAN THE MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON WITH SEVENTY TWO MARCHERS, ALL NEGROES. THERE WERE EIGHT ADULTS AND THE REMAINDER WERE TEENAGE MALE AND FEMALE YOUTHS. THE GROUP WAS FOLLOWED BY A CARSON RENTAL TRUCK, MEMPHIS, TENN., CONTAINING SUPPLIES. GRENADA PD POLICE DEPARTMENT FURNISHED SECURITY TO THE CITY LIMITS. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY MRSP MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL UNITS SPOT-CHECKED THE MARCHERS.

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ONE NEGRO FEMALE YOUTH FAINTED FROM HEAT EXHAUSTION AND AFTER FIRST-AID TREATMENT SHE AND SEVERAL OTHER YOUNG FEMALE NEGROES DROPPED FROM THE GROUP. AT THREE TEN P.M. TWENTY SEVEN OF THE MARCHERS GOT ON THE RENTAL TRUCK AND WERE DRIVEN TO WINONA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE MILES SOUTH OF GRENADA. AT THAT TIME THERE WERE STILL THIRTY NINE PERSONS CONTINUING TO MARCH SOUTH ON U.S. HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE.

THE RENTAL TRUCK RETURNED LATER TO PICK UP THE REMAINDER OF THE MARCHERS AND THEY WERE DRIVEN TO WINONA.

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[redacted] ADVISED THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARCH. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SPECTATORS, AND NO TELEVISION OR PRESS COVERAGE. HE SAID THE DAY HAS BEEN VERY UNEVENTFUL FOR THE MARCHERS ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE MARCHERS COMPLAINED OF "SORE FEET AND HEAT EXHAUSTION UNDER THE HOT MISS. SUN."

COTTONREADER HAD EMPHASIZED BEFORE THE MARCH THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MARCH WAS NOT TO FOCUS DISCONTENT ON THE STATE OF MISS., BUT RATHER TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE POVERTY PROGRAMS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT ARE NOT SATISFACTORY. MARCH WILL CONTINUE NINE A.M., JUNE TEN, NEXT, FROM WINONA, MISS. TO VAIDEN, MISS., VIA U.S. HIGHWAY FIFTY-ONE.

LOCAL OFFICIALS, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AIR FORCE OSI, AND SECRET SERVICE AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:
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RE JN TELETYPE JUNE SIX, LAST.

JACKSON WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPEMENTS.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/9/69

Attached relates that a march from Grenada, Mississippi, to Jackson, Mississippi, sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) began on 6/9/69. The first leg of the march which was held without incident is to focus attention on the poverty programs of the Federal government which are considered unsatisfactory by members of the SCLC. March will continue on 6/10/69.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

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Enclosed LHM disseminated locally by WFO to AUSA, Washington, D.C.; Secret Service and interested military intelligence agencies.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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[redacted] the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Office located in Washington, D.C. (WDC), had moved from 1834 11th Street, N.W., WDC, to 918 U Street, N.W., WDC, on that date.

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CC MR. CLARK

DEMONSTRATIONS BY SCLC, BESSEMER, ALABAMA, JUNE SECOND, SIXTYNINE.

RM. "Southern Christian Leadership Conference"

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL THIS DATE.

[redacted] DISCLOSED MEETING SCHEDULED FOR BESSEMER, ALA. JUNE SECOND INSTANT NOT HELD. NO DEMONSTRATION OR MARCH HELD BESSEMER, ALABAMA EVENING OF JUNE TWO INSTANT. NO TROUBLE CONTEMPLATED BY JEFFERSON COUNTY SO OR BESSEMER PD FOR BESSEMER, ALABAMA EVENING JUNE TWO INSTANT.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

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~~MEMORANDUM~~ There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an ~~LHM~~ containing information from [redacted] on 6/5/69 obtained from a conference of SCLC officials and STANLEY LEVISON on that date which was concerned with a contemplated SCLC action on the issue of "Hunger" [redacted]

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
Internal Security - Communist

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on June 6, 1969, that a conference was held of SCLC functionaries which included Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, Andrew Young, SCLC Executive Vice President, Walter Fauntroy, SCLC representative in Washington, D.C., Hosea Williams, SCLC Director of Voter Registration and Political Education and Stanley Levison.

According to this source, the principal topic of discussion was the matter of a contemplated SCLC action on the issue of "Hunger". Ralph Abernathy expressed the opinion that activity on hunger should be raised in local communities and possibly on a state level but that they should only bring a representative group to Washington, D.C. at an appropriate time. He was opposed to bringing large numbers of people to Washington.

Andrew Young felt that they need to bring the attention of the public to the issue and suggested a time of about July first. He said they could do what Hosea Williams has planned, a people-to-people tour, and try to get local communities stirred up to send small delegations of their own to Washington, D.C. at a given time. He said they could select certain key districts and not only raise the hunger issue but also what happened in the Charleston, South Carolina hospital workers strike.

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Communist Infiltration of the
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Walter Fauntroy stated that anything planned for Washington must be well timed. He said that victory can be expected this year on the hunger issue and noted that he has a meeting scheduled with "the Govern's people" on June 6, 1969, to discuss when, if at all, pressure should be brought in Washington. He said he would like to see a concentration in two or three of the liveliest communities they have in Mississippi and Alabama. He said the idea of a people-to-people tour appealed to him but only after the SCLC had finalized a victory in Charleston, South Carolina.

Stanley Levison praised Fauntroy's statement and agreed that timing is important. He said activity could go on in local communities and that each community could elect representatives to go to Washington. He suggested 100 such representatives noting that there would be no problem in caring for them.

According to the source, Hosea Williams took exception to the proposals made and accused Young and Fauntroy of not being action-minded and Levison of never agreeing with him. He advocated the use of pressure stating that action has made SCLC, that people are ready, and further advocated bringing up to 3,000 people to Washington, DC. He claimed to be action oriented and said that his plan calls for marching on different state capitals, gradually increasing the number until they reach a total of 2700 and then bringing them to Washington, D.C.

Williams argued for an agressive approach claiming that black people are up against the wall and are ready to go to jail by the hundreds of thousands.

The other participants opposed Williams position and Abernathy suggested a middle ground approach. He said they want the Charleston victory to be clear cut and believes they can have local activity in Alabama and Mississippi,

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then marches on the state capitals. He added that, at an appropriate time, staff members could move into Mississippi and Alabama to gain national attention.

At the conclusion of the conference Young told Williams that they would meet the next day to discuss the matter further and would also discuss it over the weekend.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/9/69

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Attached pertains to a discussion of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) march in Washington among staff members and Stanley Levison, SCLC advisor and a secret Communist Party member until at least 1963. There is a difference of opinion on the march, but Levison and majority favored bringing a representative group (100 representatives were mentioned) to Washington, D. C., at the appropriate time, possibly in July. Plans are to be further discussed later.

Attached being furnished to Inter-Division Information Unit, the Internal Security Division and the Civil Rights Division of the Department, the Army, Secret Service and General Services Administration. (4)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BEGINNING 6/9/69
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to offices receiving copies of this airtel for information purposes.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service, and U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

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DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BEGINNING JUNE 9, 1969

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[redacted] SC Hosea Williams

Hosea Williams, Official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) mailed a brochure recently to friends and fellow workers in the SCLC entitled "SCLC's 2nd Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign Hunger March on Washington". This brochure set forth the dates of arrival and departure of the caravan which is allegedly being formed to participate in marches. This brochure is being made an enclosure for the various offices involved and is self-explanatory.

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[redacted] C who has some knowledge of racial activity in Alabama, advised on June 6, 1969, that he feels that the SCLC marches may fail because (1) lack of local support and (2) lack of finances.

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SCLC'S 2nd CHAPTER of the POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

HUNGER MARCH ON WASHINGTON

CITY	DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES	DATE STATE-WIDE MARCH ARRIVES IN STATE CAPITOL	DATE OF MASSIVE STATE MARCH ON LEGISLATURE and/or GOVERNOR
*JACKSON	June 15th	June 15th	June 16th
*MONTGOMERY	16th	16th	17th
BIRMINGHAM	17th		
*ATLANTA	18th	17th	18th
SAVANNAH	19th		
CHARLESTON	20th		
*COLUMBIA	21st	21st	21st
GREENVILLE	22nd		
CHARLOTTE	23rd		
GREENSBORO	24th		
DURHAM	25th		
*RALEIGH	26th	26th	26th
NORFOLK	27th		
*RICHMOND	28th	28th	28th
WASHINGTON, D.C.	29th		30th

NOTE: * = Capitol City

MISSISSIPPI LEG

CITY	DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES	COUNTIES WHERE MARCHERS WILL BE RECRUITED FROM
GRENADA	June 8th	Quitman
WINONA	9th	Panola
VAIDEN	10th	Montgomery
DURANT	11th	Grenada
PICKENS	12th	Tunica
CANTON	13th	Lafayette
TOUGALOO	14th	Marshall
JACKSON	15th	Carroll

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ALABAMA LEG

DATE OF ARRIVAL	LEG #1 COUNTY	LEG #2 COUNTY	LEG #3 COUNTY	LEG #4 COUNTY
	Mobile	Houston	Etowah	Tuscaloosa
June 10th	Washington	Henry	Calhoun	Pickens
11th	Clark	Barbour	Talladega	Greene
12th	Choctaw	Bullock	Jefferson	Sumpter
13th	Marengo	Macon	Shelby	Hale
14th	Wilcox	Lee	Chilton	Perry
15th	Lowndes	Elmore	Autauga	Dallas
16th	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery

GEORGIA LEG

CITY	DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES	COUNTIES WHERE MARCHERS WILL BE RECRUITED FROM	
WARNER ROBINS	June 10th	Ware	Clinch
MACON	11th	Worth	Long
FORSYTH	12th	Bullock	Toombs
BARNESVILLE	13th	Dodge	Lawrence
ZEBULON	14th	Chatham	Emanuel
GRIFFIN	15th	Washington	Houston
JONESBORO	16th	Crisp	Sumpter
ATLANTA	17th	Tattnall	Effingham
		Screven	Jefferson

VIRGINIA LEG

CITY	DATE CARAVAN ARRIVES
NORFOLK	
PORTSMOUTH	June 24th
WAVERLY	25th
HOPEWELL	26th
PETERSBURG	27th
RICHMOND	28th

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Birmingham, Alabama
June 6, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITY OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BEGINNING JUNE 9, 1969

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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated June 6, 1969.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 6/11/69

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-10241) ~~RUC~~

SUBJECT: COMINFIL
SCLC
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(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Richmond teletype, 5/21/69, and Richmond airtel, 5/22/69.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices, [redacted] has advised that RALPH D. ABERNATHY did not visit Danville, Virginia on 5/24-25/69, and [redacted] is of the opinion that the telephone reservation made in ABERNATHY's name was a hoax.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 6/12/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P*)

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SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for AT 2 copies of an LHM dated as above and captioned, "SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE".

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Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to the AUSA, WDC; U.S. Secret Service, and interested military intelligence agencies.

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Washington, D.C. 20535
June 12, 1969

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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[redacted] recently made available a copy of communication dated May 6, 1969, captioned "WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE, NATIONAL OFFICE, 2140 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C." and directed to "WSP groups and contacts". The document is a petition asking the United States Congress to designate January 15 a national holiday in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). A copy of this petition is attached hereto.

The Women Strike for Peace (WSP) is a national women's organization which, in the past, has demonstrated against nuclear testing, the war in Vietnam and the draft. More recently they have demonstrated against the "military-industrial complex" and chemical-biological warfare experiments.

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WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE
NATIONAL OFFICE
2140 P Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
Tel. (202) 293-2020

May 6, 1969

TO: WSP groups and contacts
RE: SCLC request

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SCLC has asked WSP to duplicate and distribute petitions throughout the country"asserting that the Congress act on making January 15, Dr. King's birthday, a national holiday. On July 4th of this year, Dr. Ralph Abernathy will take to Congress millions of signatures to prompt Congress into action."

Below is a copy of their petition for duplication. Return them in time for the July 4th action to: Tom Houck, SCLC, 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E. Atlanta, Ga.30303.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-3166) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WASHINGTON, D. C., BEGINNING JUNE 10, 1969
RM

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, WFO, Atlanta and Mobile, 6/3/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of LHM reflecting information developed at Mobile, Alabama, concerning a proposed march to Montgomery, Alabama, and then to Washington, D. C., beginning June 10, 1969. Two copies of an FD-376 are also enclosed to Bureau. Each receiving office is being furnished an information copy of LHM. In addition, the Letterhead Memo is being disseminated to local military agencies and U. S. Secret Service, Mobile.

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Special Agent in Charge

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This matter will be followed and additional information reported.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 6, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (RM)
U. S. Secret Service , Mobile

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Mobile, Alabama
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PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WASHINGTON, D. C., BEGINNING JUNE 10, 1969

The June 5, 1969, issue of the Mobile Register, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on a meeting the night of June 4, 1969, of Neighborhood Organized Workers (NOW), Mobile, Alabama. It is noted that NOW is a local, predominantly Negro, organization which is affiliated with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) of Atlanta, Georgia.

This article reported at the NOW meeting of June 4, 1969, one of the speakers was JOEY WILLIAMS, an SCLC organizer, who talked concerning poverty and a march to Montgomery, Alabama. He said that the SCLC was planning marches from four cities on the State Capitol in Montgomery. He identified those cities as Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Anniston, and Dothan. The purpose of the march is to present grievances over the State welfare system, Governor ALBERT BREWER, and the heads of each major department of the State.

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[redacted] that there had been about 200 people in attendance at this NOW meeting the night of June 4, 1969. He said that during his talk, JOEY WILLIAMS said that they wanted 100 people from Mobile to march to Montgomery, Alabama, beginning Tuesday, June 10, 1969. WILLIAMS claimed in his speech that more than the 100 wanted to participate but they were going to take only 100. He said that they would march to Montgomery, Alabama, and then later to Birmingham, Atlanta, Georgia, and on to Washington, D. C., but he did not give any details of the march activity.

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Informant said that no one was identified as being among the group expected to march at Mobile.

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